

### NEW CANAAN FORECAST

May 7-11, 2026

**Thursday, May 7**  
Clouds breaking for some sun  
High: 65°F | Low: 47°F

**Friday, May 8**  
Partly sunny, breezy and cool  
High: 60°F | Low: 49°F

**Saturday, May 9**  
Cool with periods of rain  
High: 60°F | Low: 49°F

**Sunday, May 10**  
Clouds and sun; slight chance of an afternoon shower  
High: 69°F | Low: 51°F

**Monday, May 11**  
Cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain; breezy later  
High: 62°F | Low: 43°F

**Weather Detail**

Thursday, May 7 – National Day of Prayer and National Tourism Day. High near 65°F, low around 47°F. Thursday should be a pretty good day to be out and about. Clouds will break for some sunshine, and it will feel mild by the afternoon.

Friday, May 8 – World Red Cross Day and V-E Day. High near 60°F, low around 49°F. Friday looks partly sunny, but the breeze will make it feel cooler than the thermometer says. It is a decent spring day, just not a warm one.

Saturday, May 9 – World Fair Trade Day and Europe Day. High near 60°F, low around 49°F. Saturday is the wet day of the stretch. Expect periods of rain, cooler air and a damp feel for much of the day, so keep the umbrella close.

Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day. High near 69°F, low around 51°F. Mother's Day looks like the best day of the forecast. It will be warmer, with a mix of clouds and sun. Most of the day should be fine, though a late-day shower is possible north and west of town.

Monday, May 11 – National Eat What You Want Day. High near 62°F, low around 43°F. Monday turns cooler. Expect more clouds, a chance of rain and a breeze picking up later in the day.

### POLICE & FIRE

#### New Canaan Crews Prevent Injuries

Two carbon monoxide incidents caused by gasoline-powered equipment used indoors were reported Thursday afternoon at a home on Oenoke Ridge and a restaurant on Elm Street in New Canaan, according to the New Canaan Fire Department. A two-week-old infant was evaluated by a pediatrician after elevated carbon monoxide levels were detected in the home, while a contractor at the restaurant was treated after being overcome by fumes. Firefighters ventilated both buildings, requested mutual aid from Norwalk for additional equipment, and said two nearby restaurants closed for the evening.

#### Officer Connolly Completes Detective Training

Officer Bryan Connolly graduated from the 64th Annual Fairfield

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## It's Working!



The new ramp behind the Playhouse seems to be in use and working. This ramp was designed to shift delivery trucks with goods destined for downtown shops and restaurants away from busy Elm Street, thus keeping traffic flowing better and reducing trucks blocking parking spaces. On Saturday morning a delivery truck unloaded items on to hand trucks for delivery to shops in New Canaan's iconic downtown.

## New Canaan Wrestles With Noise, Nature and Neighborliness in Leaf Blower Debate

BY SENTINEL STAFF

This debate is about the invisible boundary between private freedom and a shared understanding of peace.

On Tuesday night, New Canaan's Town Council Bylaws and Ordinances Committee gathered once again to discuss a proposed seasonal restriction on gas-powered leaf blowers, a topic that has simmered for roughly five years and now seems to touch nearly every nerve in suburban life: environmental stewardship, noise, class, property rights, work culture and simple neighborly coexistence.

The meeting drew residents from across town – from more dense condominium developments near Mead Park to sprawling properties near the Wilton border. Some spoke passionately about the relentless whine of landscaping equipment invading spring afternoons. Others worried about imposing costly mandates on landscapers and homeowners already navigating inflation and rising operating costs.

What emerged was less a clash between environmentalists and skeptics than a portrait of a community struggling to define what quality of life should sound like.

"I made myself a sandwich, went out on my deck just as my neighbors' landscaper guys started working," resident Skip Hobbs told the committee. "It was so damn loud."

Hobbs, who lives overlooking the Silvermine Valley, argued that larger properties should

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## Lithium Battery Fire

BY JOHN KRIZ

There was a house fire in Weston last month, caused by an improperly charged lithium ion battery, according to John Pokorny, Weston's Fire Chief and Fire Marshal (and Deputy Fire Marshal in New Canaan).

No one was hurt, but the fire "did a lot of damage," according to Chief Pokorny.

The cause of the fire was a large lithium ion battery that was being charged longer than recommended, and with an incorrect charging device.

A feature article in the *New Canaan Sentinel* in early April <https://www.newcanaasentinel.com/2026/04/10/lithium-ion-batteries-can-be-dangerous/> outlines some of the risks of lithium ion batteries. These warnings included the dangers of overcharging, and using the wrong charging cord.

The homeowner had used "an aftermarket

charger that may not have been the right voltage and amperage," said Chief Pokorny. "And when we looked at the operator instructions for the device, it was only supposed to be charged for up to five hours and it had been charged for longer than that. So we believe that that's what started the fire."

As well, Chief Pokorny urged people to be cautious when purchasing replacement batteries. "If it's a Schwinn bicycle, buy a Schwinn charger, buy a Schwinn replacement battery."

The good news was that smoke "detectors were in the house, and alerted the resident that was in the house, who got out safely. And yeah, I can't urge enough that working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in houses absolutely save lives."

With more and more lithium ion batteries in everyone's lives, safe usage has become increasingly important.



The remnants of the lithium battery that caught fire in Weston last month causing "a lot of damage."

Lithium-ion battery fires involving e-bikes and consumer electronics have become a growing concern for first responders, transportation companies and the public.

Fires can occur on land, sea and in the air, are difficult to extinguish and can burn for hours or days while releasing dangerous fumes and gases.

Connecticut voters who want to vote in the Aug. 11 primaries for governor and other offices should check their party registration now.

Connecticut has closed

primaries. That means voters may vote only in the primary of the party in which they are enrolled. A voter who is unaffiliated, or registered with a different party, cannot ask

for a Democratic or Republican primary ballot at the polls unless the voter has enrolled in that party before the required deadline.

The first step is to use the Connecticut voter lookup tool. <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>

The second step is to understand that Connecticut uses the same voter registration process for both new registrations and changes to existing registrations. This is the part that confuses many voters. Even if someone is already registered, the online system may look as if the person is registering for the first time. That does not mean the voter is creating a duplicate registration. That process is used for several kinds of changes. A voter may use it to change party enrollment, update an address, correct or

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## The Rejection Coin

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

We are hard-wired to dislike rejection. We experience rejection in one of two ways: abandonment or criticism, two sides of the same coin. This rejection coin is what virtually every argument is about. We typically partner with someone triggered by the opposite side of the coin. Which side of the rejection coin triggers you more? Ask your spouse (or teen) the same question.

We sometimes experience abandonment as being "not heard, unimportant, not seen, not cared about, or invisible" and criticism as being "judged, belittled, and never good enough." People look at each other differently when they understand that no one likes the rejection coin. This is not pathology. It is our basic human desire to avoid abandonment and criticism.



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

Nicole chased Caleb into his home office when he avoided their difficult conversations. Nicole thought that Caleb was uncaring and insensitive. Caleb perceived Nicole as aggressive and demanding. When they realized that Caleb hated criticism and Nicole feared abandonment, Nicole learned to say things more gently and Caleb learned to stay present in the room. Seeing each other's sensitivities as opposite sides of the same coin enabled them to understand each other better in moments of stress.

## CT CLOSED PRIMARY DEADLINES

For the Aug. 11, 2026 Democratic & Republican primaries

<p><b>1 SWITCHING PARTIES?</b></p> <p>Change to Democrat or Republican by <b>Monday, May 11</b></p>	<p><b>2 UNAFFILIATED VOTERS</b></p> <p>Enroll in a party by <b>Friday, July 24</b></p> <p>In person with registrars by noon Monday, Aug. 10</p>	<p><b>3 NEW VOTERS</b></p> <p>Register by <b>Friday, July 24</b></p> <p>In person or certain timely postmarked applications accepted until noon Monday, Aug. 10</p>
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★ CHANGE OR CHECK REGISTRATION ONLINE ★

Change party or register: [MyVote.CT.gov/register](https://MyVote.CT.gov/register)

Check your status: [portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx](https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx)

ONLY ENROLLED PARTY MEMBERS CAN VOTE IN THAT PARTY'S PRIMARY. Likely gubernatorial primary may include Ned Lamont (D) vs. Josh Elliott (D) and Ryan Fazio (R) vs. Erin Stewart (R). Note: SEEC lists those gubernatorial candidates; primary ballots are not final until party endorsements and petition deadlines settle.

### COLUMN

#### Hook, Line, and Sink Her

*What is required is not a revolution, but a reordering of priorities, and the education of our constituents.*

BY RUSSELL BARKSDALE

She gleams. We say it without thinking. The yacht at harbor—she's a beauty. The sports car idling at the light—look at her lines. Even institutions we build to care for one another inherit the feminine—the healthcare provider that "serves," that "holds," that "heals."



And yet, in American

healthcare, the thing most tenderly protected, most richly fed, most carefully shielded, is not the patient, nor the nurse at the bedside, nor the healthcare provider keeping vigil through the night. It is the balance sheet of the insurance company.

If you want to understand the peculiar genius and deep dysfunction of our system,

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## CRC

BY PETER BARHYDT

"When we did this 10 years ago, there were 59 pages," Corbet said. "Today we have 74."

The Charter Revision Commission moved closer Monday to completing its recommended update of New Canaan's charter, spending more than two hours reviewing detailed revisions involving financial oversight, town property approvals and several questions that could

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## Honoring Veterans at America's 250th

This Medal of Honor Story is About Compassion, Bravery, and Carrying Water

BY ELIZABETH BARHYDT

The third article in this 10-part series begins where the first two naturally lead.

The series began with Major Sullivan Ballou's Civil War letter, written with the terrible lucidity of a man who understood what his country was asking and what his family would lose.

The second article turned

to the Civil War hospital ship USS Red Rover, the U.S. Navy's first hospital ship where women served aboard it as nurses decades before the formal creation of the Navy Nurse Corps, Clara Barton; and the Red Cross tradition of going where suffering is greatest.

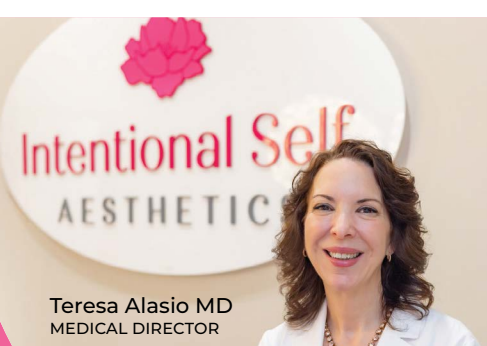
This week's article carries on to Private Nicholas Fox, a

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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.

When species—whether plant,



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.

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

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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).

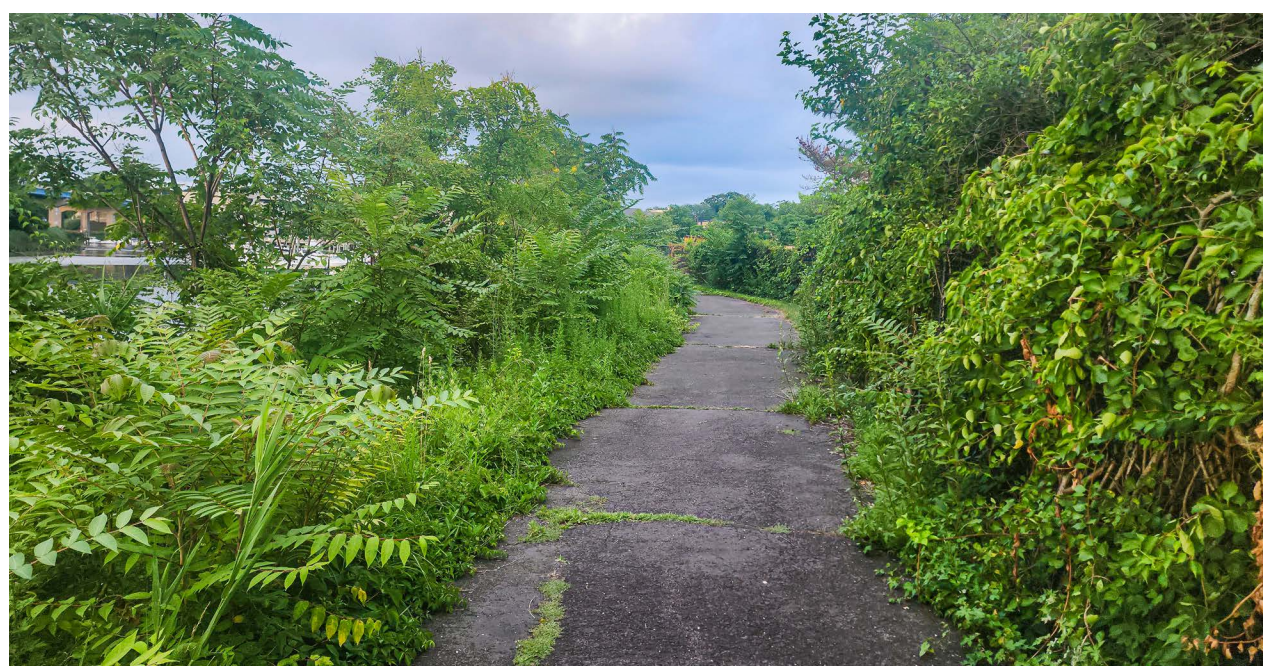
**If you are interested in buying native plants and supporting pollinators in New Canaan,** the New Canaan Garden Club (NCGC) in celebration of Earth Month has partnered with Copia Home & Garden. A curated selection of native plants will be available for purchase throughout the month, and fifteen percent 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-Plant-List-2025\_Common-Name-3-pagers.pdf

*Frank Gallo, the Senior Naturalist the New Canaan Nature Center, has led birding expeditions all over the world. He is a member of the Connecticut Avian Records Committee and is a federally licensed master bird bander.*



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



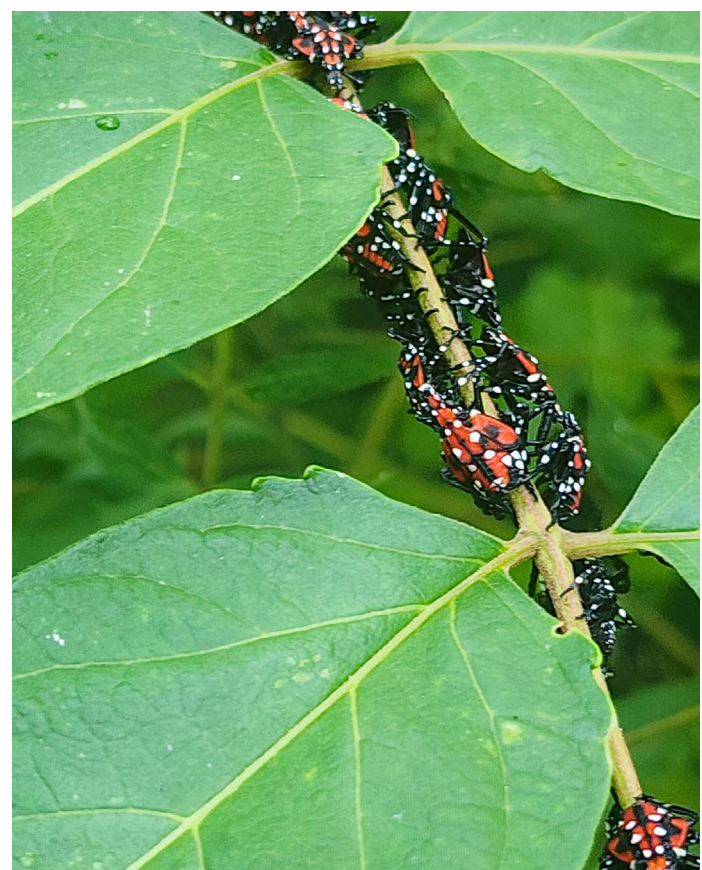
Mugwort - introduced as a medicinal plant, it carpets large areas crowding out natives



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.



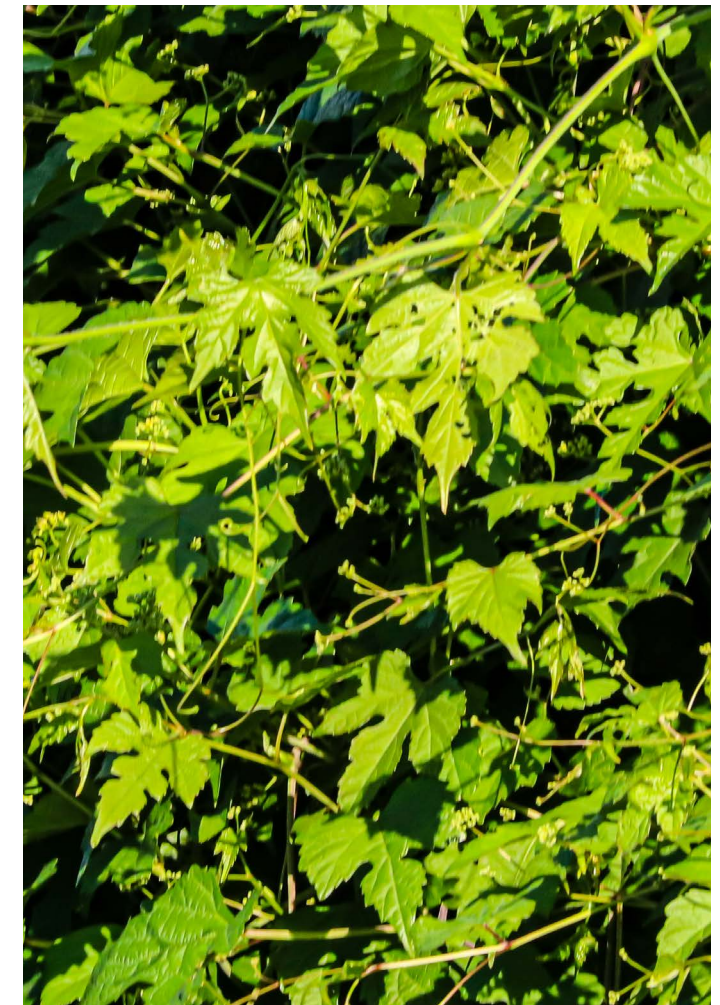
Winged Euonymus



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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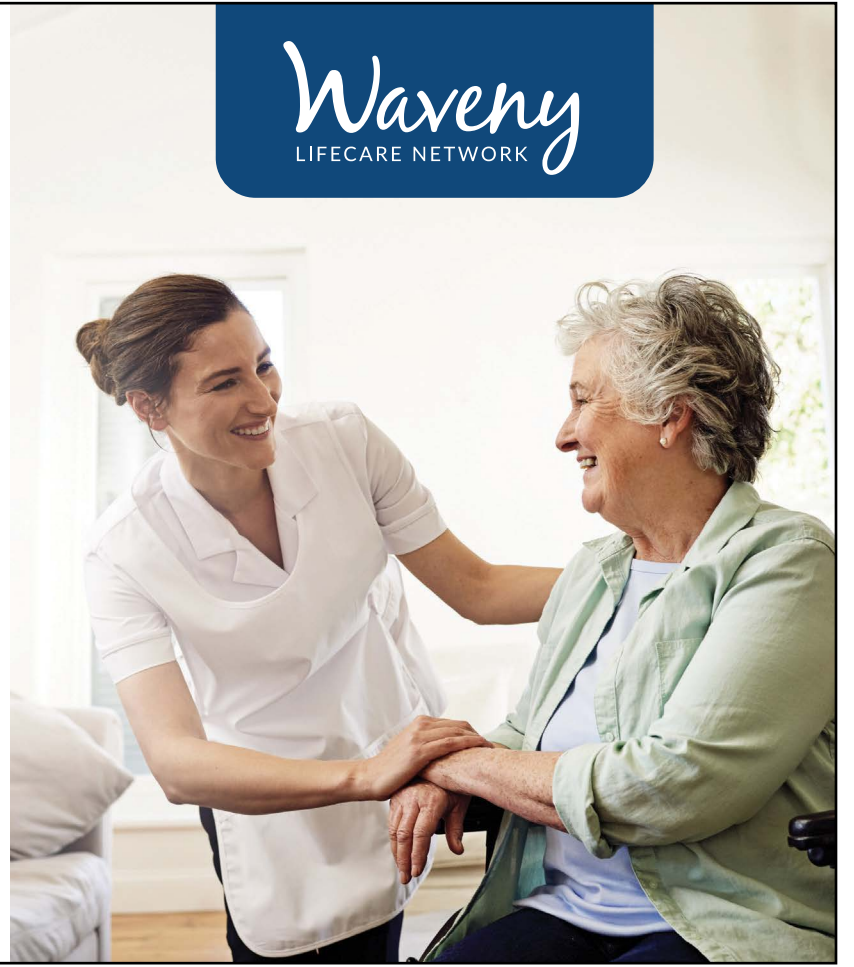
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## Planet New Canaan's Fix-It Cafe Volunteer Repairs, Reuse Skills

Planet New Canaan's second free Fix-It Cafe brought residents to Lapham Community Center on Saturday, May 2, for a community repair event aimed at extending the life of household items and keeping usable goods out of the waste stream.

Residents were asked to make reservations for help with lamp and small electrical repairs, bicycle repairs, wood and small furniture fixes, and sewing and clothing repairs. It was a repair opportunity for broken lamps, bikes, small furniture and jewelry, with the environmental purpose of giving items "a second life."

Katie Owsley, co-president of Planet New Canaan, said the event reflected both demand and appreciation from residents.

"I am gratified Planet New Canaan's second, free, Fix-It Cafe has been so popular. Lots of happy customers," Owsley said.

The Fix-It Cafe drew on volunteer artisans and repair-minded residents who donated their time and skill to help neighbors mend furniture, bicycles, clothing and small electrical devices. The format was practical: residents brought items that might otherwise have been discarded, and volunteers assessed what could be repaired on site.

The event's premise was simple but increasingly relevant. A broken lamp, a loose chair, a bicycle in need

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of adjustment or a torn garment can move quickly from closet to curb. The Fix-It Cafe offered another route: repair before replacement.

Planet New Canaan presented the event as part of its broader sustainability work in town. The organization's mission is to provide education about environmental issues and inspire change that improves sustainability in New Canaan. Its public programs include waste-reduction efforts, volunteer initiatives and reuse-oriented projects such as the New Canaan Swap Shop at the Transfer Station.

Last year's event brought residents seeking repairs helping restore possessions that still had practical value. This year's return suggested that the model has found a



Kevin McIntosh discusses his lamp with Tom Hermann



Seamstress Ulrike Veroude works with John and Regina Hair on some pants in need of mending.

local constituency.

The event also placed intergenerational practical knowledge at the center of local environmental action. Rather than approaching sustainability through policy discussion or consumer messaging alone, the Fix-It Cafe relied on hands-on skill: tightening, stitching, wiring, sanding, adjusting and diagnosing.

For residents, the benefit was immediate. A repaired object saves money, preserves something familiar and reduces the need to buy a

replacement. For Planet New Canaan, the larger goal was cumulative: fewer usable items entering landfills, less consumption of new materials and more public awareness of repair as a normal household option.

The Fix-It Cafe's success also underscored a central principle of local environmental work: practical programs often gain traction when they meet residents where they are. A person does not need to be an environmental specialist to bring in a broken lamp or a bicycle in need

of repair. The act itself becomes the lesson.

Planet New Canaan's next challenge may be accommodating the interest the event has generated. Owsley's post-event assessment pointed to a program that has moved beyond experiment and into demand.

For a town accustomed to volunteer-led civic efforts, the Fix-It Cafe offered a familiar formula applied to a contemporary problem: neighbors with skills helping neighbors with needs, one repair at a time.

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## NEWS BRIEFS From Page 1

County Detective School, a two-week law enforcement training program. The course included instruction in death investigations, financial crimes, physical evidence handling, and current scams. Connolly will return to the New Canaan Police Department following completion of the program.



Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department

### FROM TOWN HALL

#### New Canaan Launches America250 Celebration

New Canaan has launched “America250 New Canaan,” a town-wide series of more than 40 events running through Veterans Day 2026 to mark the 250th anniversary of the United States and the 225th anniversary of the town’s incorporation. Planned programs include historical talks, performances, festivals, Flag Day events, a June 27 parade, Fourth of July fireworks, and Veterans Day observances, with participation from local schools, arts organizations, and community groups. An online calendar of events is available through the Town of New Canaan website, and additional organizations and residents are invited to participate.

#### New Canaan Updates Zoning Regulations

New Canaan officials reviewed the town’s zoning history, beginning with the first zoning map adopted in 1932, and discussed ongoing regulatory updates tied to the town’s 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development. Current efforts include compliance with state housing legislation under HB 8002 related to middle housing, mixed-use development and parking requirements, as well as revisions intended to streamline local zoning regulations.

### AROUND TOWN

#### Affordable Housing Proposal Moves Forward

Residents opposed a proposal to build 14 affordable apartments at 30 Parade Hill Road during a March 31 Planning & Zoning Commission hearing, citing concerns including traffic, parking, density, infrastructure, emergency access and pedestrian safety. The project, proposed by Stamford-based Garden Homes Fund, would replace a vacant single-family home with 10 two-bedroom and four three-bedroom affordable units for low- and very low-income households. The hearing was continued to April 28 after the commission requested additional information from the applicant.

#### New Canaan Nip Program Funds Cleanup

New Canaan received \$985.50 through Connecticut’s Nickel-Per-Nip program after 19,710 nip bottles were sold in town between Oct. 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026. The program returns five cents to municipalities for every nip sold and is intended to fund local environmental and waste reduction efforts. Since launching in 2021, the program has distributed more than \$22 million to cities and towns across the state.

#### Downtown Outdoor Dining Season Returns

Outdoor dining will return downtown from May 1 through Nov. 1 under the Town’s seasonal sidewalk café program. The program is intended to support downtown businesses and pedestrian activity. Town officials said sidewalk dining areas will be monitored for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES & NON PROFITS

#### Waveny Residents Celebrate Spring Gathering



Residents in Waveny’s second floor care center held an “April in Paris” event last week featuring French music, desserts, and themed activities. Resident artist John created clay models of French foods for a guessing game, and Sarah Chesler performed French songs for attendees. The event marked the start of the spring season with a community

gathering for residents and staff. Photo credit: Waveny LifeCare

#### New Canaan Supports Midnight Run

New Canaan residents are being asked to donate men’s jeans, pants and shoes for a Midnight Run scheduled for May 12. Donations will be collected through May 11 at the United Methodist Church of New Canaan on South Avenue. Midnight Run is a volunteer program that distributes clothing and other supplies to people in need in New York City.

### THE ENVIRONMENT

#### Trail Crews Keep Paths Open

Trail work is underway, with crews clearing fallen trees and maintaining open trails. Fallen trees on trails can be reported to [info@newcanaanlandtrust.org](mailto:info@newcanaanlandtrust.org).

#### Earth Day Program Draws Families



New Canaan Land Trust held an Earth Day after-school program at Still Pond Preserve with 20 children, 16 caregivers, and four National Charity League volunteers. Participants completed a BINGO scavenger hunt at the Still Pond Council Ring, followed by Earth Day-themed songs and story time led by Miss Marie from the New Canaan Library. The program is expected to continue as an annual event. Photo credit: New Canaan Land Trust

#### Land Trust Restores Firefly Sanctuary

The Land Trust will close its Firefly Sanctuary for the season to complete trail repairs and habitat restoration after years of heavy visitor use. Eads Johnson, Jim Tierney, and Sven Englund are leading planning efforts for the trail restoration work, while firefly expert Bill McDonald will advise on meadow habitat management. Volunteers and summer interns will assist with the project, and the sanctuary is expected to reopen in summer 2027.

#### Planet New Canaan Expands Composting Access

Planet New Canaan is offering Zero Waste Kitchen Kits to help residents collect and recycle food scraps at home before bringing them to the Transfer Station. The kits are intended to support local food waste recycling efforts and increase participation in composting programs. Questions can be directed to info@planetnewcanaan.org

#### Kindergartners Mark Service Day Outdoors



More than 50 kindergartners participated in a scavenger hunt with NCLT representatives Ali Luddy and Sarah Hering during the NCCS KAM Day of Service. The annual event honors Kyle A. Markes, a New Canaan Country School sixth grader who died in 2013 after acute leukemia. The day includes service projects on and off campus, and the kindergartners’ regular curriculum includes weekly time in part of the school’s 35-acre forest. Photo credit: New Canaan Land Trust

#### Scouts Help Clean Bristow Sanctuary



Girl Scout Troop 50230 joined the Land Trust for a Clean Your Mile Week cleanup at Bristow Bird Sanctuary. The troop collected two full bags of litter from the site. Photo credit: New Canaan Land Trust

#### Pollinator Garden Expands With Native Plants

New plantings have been added to the Barbara Johansen Pollinator Garden at Headquarters, with additional native species scheduled for installation in May through proceeds from the New Canaan Garden Club’s native plant sale with Copia benefiting the New Canaan Land Trust. Plantings installed last fall are already emerging as the growing season begins. Tours of the garden are available by contacting info@newcanaanlandtrust.org

### SCHOOLS

#### New Canaan Names Special Education Leader

New Canaan Public Schools has appointed Dr. Elizabeth Hannaway as administrator of special education for Saxe Intermediate and Middle Schools, effective July 1. Hannaway previously served as assistant superintendent of special services for Ridgefield Public Schools and held special education leadership positions in Shelton and Darien. She will oversee special education programming for students in grades 5-8.

#### NCC Welcomes Record Visitors

New Canaan Country School welcomed a record 518 grandparents and special friends to campus for its annual Grandparents & Special Friends Day. The event is one of the school’s most attended community gatherings each year.

#### St. Luke’s Students Connect Generations

Members of St. Luke’s School’s GoodKids Tech organization joined students from the Veterans Club, Chess Club, and Civic Engagement Club for a visit to the Lapham Community Center. Students played chess with community members and discussed changes in technology across generations. The event focused on community engagement and intergenerational interaction through shared activities and conversation.

#### SLS Choir Advances To Competition

The Saint Luke’s School Upper School Select Choir will compete Friday at the Music in the Parks competition at Westfield State. Earlier this week, the group performed with the eighth grade choir during the Middle School Town Meeting.

### SPORTS

#### New Canaan Rolls Past Darien

New Canaan defeated Darien 13-8 Saturday at Dunning Field behind a nine-point performance from junior Matt Reed, who scored three goals and added six assists. The Rams led 8-4 at halftime and maintained at least a four-goal advantage throughout the second half, with Grey Wildman and Brady Mazabras each scoring three goals. New Canaan improved to 8-2 with its fourth straight win, while Darien fell to 8-4.

#### Darien Dominates Rivalry Matchup Again

No. 1 Darien defeated No. 3 New Canaan 16-5 Thursday after scoring seven unanswered goals in the second quarter and taking a 13-3 halftime lead. Darien had nine players score, led by Adriana Gromelski with four goals, and improved to 11-0 with its 20th consecutive win. New Canaan fell to 6-4 despite 14 saves from goalie Macyn Callahan.

#### Schimmeck, Lowe Earn Scholar-Athlete Honors



New Canaan High School seniors Molly Schimmeck and Rogan Lowe were named 2026 CAS-CIAC Scholar-Athlete Award recipients, an honor recognizing Connecticut student-athletes for achievement in academics and sports. The statewide award is presented annually to two seniors from each member high school who demonstrate strong academic performance, athletic participation, leadership and service. Lowe was a captain on New Canaan’s state championship hockey team, while Schimmeck competed in lacrosse and soccer. Photo credit: New Canaan High School

#### New Canaan Softball Honors Seniors

New Canaan softball will host Youth Night and Senior Night on May 18 at 5 p.m. at Orchard Field in Waveny Park during the team’s final home game of the season. The event will include pizza, a Kona Ice truck, softball giveaways, and an opportunity for youth players to join the varsity team during the National Anthem. Attendees wearing New Canaan softball uniforms or team apparel who have liked the event post will receive free pizza and ice cream.

## HONORING VETERANS for AMERICA'S 250 From Page 1

Connecticut Medal of Honor recipient. The Medal of Honor is the United States' highest award for military valor in combat. President Abraham Lincoln signed the Navy medal legislation on Dec. 21, 1861, and the Army medal legislation on July 12, 1862.

The medal, then, was born not in a settled republic but in a country struggling to survive its own fracture. It was created during the same war that produced Ballou's letter, the same war that produced hospital ships on the Mississippi, the same war that produced the battlefield where Fox acted.

Fox was born in Oldcastle, Ireland, in November 1844. His exact date of birth is uncertain, but he was baptized on Nov. 5, 1844, in the Roman Catholic church in Oldcastle. His family emigrated to the United States in 1855 aboard the Rappahannock, arriving in New York City on May 23. By the 1860 census, the family had settled in Connecticut.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society lists Fox as a private in Company H, 28th Connecticut Infantry, with his Medal of Honor action at Port Hudson, Louisiana, on June 14, 1863. The Society accredits him to Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Fox was 17 when he enlisted on Aug. 28, 1862, according to historian Peter C. Vermilyea's account for *Emerging Civil War*, which cites Fox's compiled military service record. Vermilyea writes that Fox stood 5 feet 8 inches, with sandy hair and gray eyes. The portrait is small but useful: a teenage Irish immigrant from Connecticut, not yet 20, entering the army of his adopted country. Port Hudson was one of the decisive river struggles of the Civil War. Union forces sought control of the Mississippi River, and Confederate control of Port Hudson helped block that

objective.

The siege lasted 48 days and ended after the fall of Vicksburg, when Port Hudson surrendered on July 9, 1863, opening the Mississippi River to Union navigation. The 28th Connecticut was part of that campaign. The regiment took part in the assault of June 14, 1863, when Union forces moved against Confederate works through ravines, felled timber, fortified lines, and killing fire. *Emerging Civil War* quotes Private Noah Hoyt of the 28th Connecticut describing how the men, unable to advance or retreat, threw themselves to the ground. Hoyt wrote that they lay in the "Boiling Sun," with dust "three inches Deep," suffering from heat, thirst and bullets.

The official Medal of Honor citation is spare, as such citations often are. It reads:

"The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Private Nicholas Fox, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism on 14 June 1863, while serving with Company H, 28th Connecticut Infantry, in action at Port Hudson, Louisiana. Private Fox made two trips across an open space, in the face of the enemy's concentrated fire, and secured water for the sick and wounded."

The *Port Chester* account gives the scene its human weight. It said Fox had participated in the assault on the enemy's works, but the troops were repulsed, "leaving between the lines many wounded who were helpless and exposed to the enemy's fire and the heat of the sun." After several men were killed trying to help them, Fox volunteered. He loaded himself with canteens and made two trips "in plain view and under the hot fire of the enemy."

There is no ornament to add to that without diminishing it. The need was water. The obstacle was enemy fire. The wounded were visible. The distance had to be crossed.

Fox crossed it once. Then he crossed it again.

Vermilyea's account adds that Fox removed his equipment, arranged seven canteens around his body, reached a spring, filled them and ran the water back to the wounded. Fox later recalled that "shots from the rebel breast-works flew thick and fast around me," yet he returned safely with water for the suffering men, according to the *Emerging Civil War* account.

Fox received the Medal of Honor on April 1, 1898. The award came more than three decades after Port Hudson. By then, the young private had become a workingman, husband and father. He and his wife, Catherine Simcox, settled in Port Chester, New York, where they raised their children. Fox worked for R.B. & W. Bolt Works and eventually became a superintendent.

Vermilyea writes that Fox also served in the 22nd New York Cavalry in 1865, became active in local parades, served as commander of his Grand Army of the Republic post, and worked at the same company for 72 years. When Fox died in 1929, veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War I formed an honor guard at his funeral. Fox was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Rye Brook, New York.

As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, the story of Nicholas Fox belongs in this series because it resists abstraction. The Revolution gave the country its founding promises. The Civil War tested whether those promises could survive. Fox's life crossed both meanings of America: arrival and obligation. He came as a child from Ireland, grew up in Connecticut, entered the Union Army, and met his defining moment not by destroying an enemy, but by answering human need.

Next week, this series will continue with another account of service, tracing how the country's 250-year story has been carried forward.

## HOOK, LINE, AND SINK HER From Page 1

don't look at outcomes first. Look at incentives. Look at where the money flows when no one is watching or distracted by public headlines.

Earlier this month without fanfare, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services finalized payment rates for Medicare Advantage plans for 2027. The initial proposal—an anemic 0.09% increase—hinting however briefly—at fiscal discipline and accountability. It acknowledged what policymakers across the ideological spectrum have admitted for years—the program is overpaying private insurers.

That moment did not last.

After a predictable and well-funded campaign from industry stakeholders, the final rule emerged with a 2.48% increase—roughly \$13 billion in additional taxpayer dollars. And that is before the quiet alchemy of "coding intensity," the industry's antiseptic phrase for documenting patients as sicker than they are, thereby justifying higher payments. When that factor is included, the real increase approaches 5%.

The scale is difficult to overstate. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission estimates that upcoding alone will drive \$22 billion in excess payments this year, part of a broader overpayment problem nearing \$76 billion annually. Over a decade, the tab may exceed \$1.3 trillion.

This is purely a corporate subsidy by both political parties.

The largest insurers are not fragile wards of the state. They are among the most profitable enterprises in the American economy. In 2025, UnitedHealth Group reported more than \$12 billion in profit. Cigna and Elevance Health each cleared billions more. These are sophisticated, disciplined organizations that understand risk, pricing, and leverage. Surely, they need enhanced protection at the expense of providers and taxpayers.

Now turn, for a moment, from the boardroom to the bedside.

Home health agencies—those quiet lifelines that allow frail seniors to remain in their homes—have now endured four consecutive years of reimbursement cuts. The 2026 rule trims another 1.3%, following reductions in each of the prior three years. In isolation, any one cut might be survivable. In sequence, they weaken operating structures.

Ask a home health administrator how to recruit nurses in this environment. Ask how to retain aides when wages in retail or hospitality begin to rival those in caregiving. Ask how to expand access when each additional patient carries the risk of financial loss.

There is no clever accounting maneuver that solves that equation.

Hospitals face a similar arithmetic. Between 2022 and 2024, general inflation rose more than 14%. Medicare inpatient payments rose just over 5%. The gap is not theoretical. It is borne in negative operating margins, in

deferred capital projects, in staffing ratios that inch closer to the line of patient safety.

In 2023 alone, hospitals absorbed approximately \$130 billion in underpayments from Medicare and Medicaid. More than 700 rural hospitals operated at a loss last year, and hundreds faced margins so thin they could not withstand a modest shock—a bad flu season, a supply disruption, a spike in labor costs.

These are not abstractions. When a hospital closes, an entire community loses its front door to the healthcare system. When a home health agency pulls back, a patient who might have recovered at home finds herself in an emergency department instead—at far greater cost, and often with worse outcomes.

So we arrive at a strange inversion. The entities that assume insurance risk are buffered and rewarded when evidence suggests systematic overpayment. The entities that assume clinical risk—the ones that hire, train, and show up—are asked, year after year, to do more with less.

We have, in effect, socialized the costs of care while privatizing a meaningful share of the profits.

There is a deeper irony still. Medicare Advantage continues to grow rapidly, with seniors enrolling in these plans at accelerating rates. Many are drawn by marketing, supplemental benefits, or their prior company's coverage plans. These are not irrational choices given a limited knowledge of options.

But those options are shaped by policy. When the government pays a premium to

private plans, when it allows aggressive coding practices to persist—it tilts the playing field. It nudges beneficiaries toward a model that is, paradoxically, more expensive for the public program designed to protect them.

None of this is inevitable.

Policymakers could align payments more closely with actual risk. They could tighten oversight of coding practices that inflate costs without improving care. They could rebalance reimbursement so that providers—the ones who cannot offshore a bedside or automate compassion—are not perpetually subsidizing the rest of the system.

What is required is not a revolution, but a reordering of priorities, and the education of our constituents.

If we insist on speaking of our institutions in the feminine, then let us be honest about what we are nurturing. Right now, the system is exquisitely attentive to capital and curiously indifferent to care. It feeds the spreadsheet and starves the bedside.

At some point, the country must decide what it actually values. Because the current arrangement is not an accident. It is a reduction of options and blind, weighted choices—made repeatedly, reinforced annually, and paid for, quietly but relentlessly, by the very people it was meant to serve.

Hook, line, and sinker.

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eventually appear before voters.

During the May 4 meeting, commissioners worked through the draft section by section, making technical edits while also revisiting broader questions about how authority is divided among town officials, the Board of Education and the Town Council.

A significant portion of the discussion focused on the powers of the town treasurer, particularly language governing bank accounts and the payment of town funds. Commissioners debated whether the charter should specify that the treasurer is a signer on all town bank and investment accounts, especially in cases involving Board of Education accounts that operate separately from the town's general fund.

Superintendent Bryan Luizzi said several school-related accounts handle funds connected to cafeteria operations, grants, facility rentals and other specialized programs.

"It's a couple of million dollars that are running through this one fund annually," Luizzi said. "It's run like a business."

Town Treasurer Andrew Brooks explained that the treasurer's role is intended to ensure payments are properly authorized before money is distributed.

"The only times I've had to put up ... it's really more hitting a pause button if I detect that something is not being correctly paid," Brooks said. "I first need to have the proper authority before the payment can be issued."

Commissioners discussed whether the charter language should include the phrase "as appropriate" to clarify that some Board of Education accounts are managed separately. Town Attorney Nick Bamonte ultimately supported the compromise wording.

"I see no reason why that cannot be just made abundantly clear in the charter language itself," Bamonte said.

The final proposed language states that the town treasurer is a signer on bank and investment accounts "as appropriate" and "shall pay out all disbursements made on the order of proper authority."

The commission also reviewed several proposed ballot questions that could be included in a future referendum connected to the charter revision process. Those proposals include term limits for appointed board and commission members, requiring Town Council approval for changes involving town-owned property and requiring Town Council confirmation of Planning & Zoning Commission appointments.

Commissioners also discussed whether adding alternate members to the Ethics Board should require a separate referendum question. Bamonte advised that the proposal likely should appear independently on the ballot because it changes the structure of the board.

The meeting also included discussion about language concerning town-owned park property and how "change of use" provisions should be handled within the charter. Commissioners removed one proposed phrase involving "transfer of use" after concluding the existing language was sufficient.

Chair Kathleen Corbet said the revised charter draft has grown substantially

compared with the document approved a decade ago.

"When we did this 10 years ago, there were 59 pages," Corbet said. "Today we have 74."

Corbet said the expanded draft includes historical background, summaries of public outreach efforts and explanations intended to help residents better understand the town's governing structure.

Commissioners also discussed future work outside the formal charter revision process, including recommendations involving personnel policies, training requirements for boards and commissions and possible ordinance updates for the Town Council to consider later this year.

As the meeting concluded, Corbet urged commissioners and town officials to keep the review process moving so the charter revisions can stay on schedule ahead of a potential referendum.

"We truly hope that the town council comes back to us quickly," Corbet said. "We're here for you."

The Charter Revision Commission's next meeting is scheduled for May 26.

# Jeff Franzel Trio Brings Jazz, Songwriting Legacy to Morrill Hall

A songwriter whose work traveled from pop radio to sacred music will bring his jazz trio to Morrill Hall.

Jeff Franzel, a songwriter, composer and jazz pianist whose career has moved from nightclub stages to pop charts and international recordings, will perform with the Jeff Franzel Trio at Morrill Hall in New Canaan for an evening of music, refreshments and community gathering.

The event will feature Franzel on piano, joined by Eric Halverson on drums and Adam Armstrong on bass. Vocalist Eva Slossberg and clarinetist David Gottlieb will also appear with the trio that evening. Seating is limited.

Franzel's musical résumé covers several American song

traditions. He began his career as a jazz pianist, accompanying Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Mel Tormé, three performers whose names remain central to the 20th-century American songbook. That background gave Franzel an early place in the world of standards, swing, phrasing and live performance, before his work as a songwriter carried him into pop, adult contemporary, Christian music and international recordings.

His first recorded song was Taylor Dayne's "Don't Rush Me," which became a No. 2 pop hit. Franzel later had a top 10 adult contemporary hit with Kathy Troccoli on "You've Got A Way" and a No. 1 Contemporary Christian Dove nominee with

"Love Was Never Meant To Die."

Across his career, Franzel has had more than 20 top ten singles and 275 recordings worldwide. His songs have been recorded by The Temptations, Phyllis Hyman, Louise, NSYNC, Shawn Colvin, Clay Aiken, Josh Groban, Plácido Domingo, Pope John Paul II and Rhys Lewis.

That range gives the Morrill Hall concert a particular local interest. Franzel is not arriving as a performer associated with one narrow category of music. He represents a musical life built across genres, rooms and audiences: jazz clubs, recording studios, pop radio, sacred music and concert halls. The New York City jazz world knows the Jeff Franzel Trio as a popular ensemble, and the New Canaan performance brings that city-

based group into a smaller community setting.

The evening will also include two levels of admission. General seating, which includes the performance and refreshments, is \$30. Premium seating is \$60 and includes the performance, refreshments and a pre-event reception at 6 p.m. in the library or courtyard, weather permitting. That reception will feature a signature cocktail and catered hors d'oeuvres.

Morrill Hall's limited seating gives the program the character of a close-range performance rather than a large concert. That scale suits the music. Jazz often depends on proximity: the drummer's restraint, the bassist's line, the pianist's changes, the vocalist's timing and the clarinetist's tone. In

a smaller hall, listeners can follow the conversation between instruments as well as the songs themselves.

For New Canaan, the event offers more than a recital by an accomplished musician. It is an example of how local cultural programming connects residents to artists whose work has circulated far beyond town borders. Franzel's songs have reached pop audiences, adult contemporary listeners, Christian music audiences and international performers. In Morrill Hall, that broad professional history will be heard through the more immediate language of a trio, joined by voice and clarinet.

The combination of performance and reception

also gives the evening a social dimension. Concerts in local halls often work because people come for the music and leave having spoken with neighbors, met new residents or stayed longer than they expected. A performer with Franzel's background brings the draw; the setting gives the evening its local character.

The Jeff Franzel Trio's appearance at Morrill Hall places a musician with chart success, jazz credentials and a long list of international recordings in a room designed for attentive listening. For a town that values arts programming as part of civic life, the concert is a chance to hear a songwriter's career translated back into live performance, one instrument at a time.

# SPORTS

## Upcoming Schedule

7	MAY, THU	● 3 – 5:30pm	Girls JV Golf @ Ridgefield High School 545 Ridgebury Road, Ridgefield CT 06877
		● 3 – 4:30pm	Girls Varsity Golf @ Ridgefield High School 545 Ridgebury Road, Ridgefield CT 06877
		● 4 – 6pm	Boys Varsity Tennis @ Danbury High School 43 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury CT 06811
		● 4 – 6pm	Girls JV Tennis @ Darien High School Nearwater Ln, Darien CT 06820
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys Freshman Baseball vs Greenwich High School Mead Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 – 5pm	Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys @ Ridgefield High School 700 N Salem Rd, Ridgefield CT 06877
		● 4 – 5pm	Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Girls Varsity Softball vs Darien High School Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 5 – 6pm	Girls Varsity Tennis vs Danbury High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
● 5:30 – 6:30pm	Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
● 6 – 7pm	Boys JV Volleyball @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06820		
● 6 – 7pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys @ Ridgefield High School 700 N Salem Rd, Ridgefield CT 06877		
8	MAY, FRI	● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls @ Greens Farms Academy 35 Beachside Ave, Westport CT 06880
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Girls JV Softball vs Brien McMahon Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 – 5:15pm	Girls Freshman Lacrosse - Girls vs Greenwich Academy 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4 – 5pm	Boys JV Baseball @ Westhill 125 Roxbury Rd, Stamford CT 06902
		● 4 – 5pm	Girls Varsity Softball vs Westhill Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4:30 – 5pm	Boys JV Volleyball @ Shelton High School 120 Meadow Street, Shelton CT 06484
		● 6 – 7pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball @ Shelton High School 120 Meadow Street, Shelton CT 06484
		● 7 – 8pm	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Westhill 100 Bridge St., Stamford CT 06905
9	MAY, SAT	● 10 – 11:30am	Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys @ Chaminade High School 340 JACKSON AVENUE, Mineola New York 11508
		● 2 – 3:30pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys vs Upper Arlington High School 235 S. 33rd St, Philadelphia Pennsylvania 19104
		● 3 – 5pm	Girls Varsity Lacrosse - Girls @ St. Anthony's High School 275 Wolf Hill Road, Melville New York 11767
		● 3 – 4:45pm	Boys Freshman Baseball vs Westhill 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
11	MAY, MON	● 3:15 – 5:15pm	Girls Varsity Golf vs Danbury High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys Varsity Baseball vs Bridgeport Central High School Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Girls Varsity Softball @ Bridgeport Central High School 1 Lincoln Boulevard, Bridgeport CT 06606
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball vs Bridgeport Central High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
12	MAY, TUE	● 4 – 7pm	Boys Varsity Track & Field - Outdoor vs Fairfield Warde 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4 – 7pm	Girls Varsity Track & Field - Outdoor vs Fairfield Warde 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 5 – 7pm	Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls @ Greenwich High School 10 Hillside Road, Greenwich CT 06830
		● 5 – 6:30pm	Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys @ Somers High School Po Box 640, Lincolndale New York 10540-0640
		● 5 – 6:30pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys @ Somers High School Po Box 640, Lincolndale New York 10540-0640
13	MAY, WED	● 3:15 – 5:15pm	Girls Varsity Golf vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 3:15 – 4:45pm	Girls JV Golf vs Darien High School 95 Country Club Rd, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 – 6pm	Girls Varsity Softball @ St. Joseph 2320 Huntington Tpke, Trumbull CT 06611
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys JV Baseball vs St. Joseph Mead Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 – 5:45pm	Boys Varsity Baseball vs St. Joseph Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 – 5:30pm	Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
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## Weekly Scores

4/29	New Canaan – Boys – Baseball	Wilton	New Canaan 6 – Wilton 2
5/1	New Canaan – Boys – Baseball	Stamford	New Canaan 5 – Stamford 0
4/30	New Canaan – Boys – Lacrosse	Fairfield Prep	New Canaan 10 – Fairfield Prep 8
5/2	New Canaan – Boys – Lacrosse	Darien	New Canaan 13 – Darien 8
4/28	New Canaan – Boys – Tennis	Bridgeport Central	New Canaan 7 – Bridgeport Central 0
5/1	New Canaan – Boys – Tennis	St. Joseph	New Canaan 7 – St. Joseph 0
5/4	New Canaan – Boys – Tennis	Trumbull	New Canaan 6 – Trumbull 1
5/5	New Canaan – Boys – Tennis	Ridgefield	New Canaan 7 – Ridgefield 0
4/30	New Canaan – Boys – Volleyball	Stamford	New Canaan 3 – Stamford 1
5/2	New Canaan – Boys – Volleyball	Brien McMahon	New Canaan 3 – Brien McMahon 0
5/5	New Canaan – Boys – Volleyball	Westhill	New Canaan 3 – Westhill 0
4/30	New Canaan – Girls – Lacrosse	Darien	New Canaan 5 – Darien 16
5/5	New Canaan – Girls – Lacrosse	Rye High School	New Canaan 3 – Rye High School 16
4/29	New Canaan – Girls – Softball	Wilton	New Canaan 9 – Wilton 2
5/1	New Canaan – Girls – Softball	Stamford	New Canaan 4 – Stamford 3
5/4	New Canaan – Girls – Softball	Brien McMahon	New Canaan 14 – Brien McMahon 2
4/28	New Canaan – Girls – Tennis	Bridgeport Central	New Canaan 6 – Bridgeport Central 1
5/1	New Canaan – Girls – Tennis	St. Joseph	New Canaan 7 – St. Joseph 0
5/4	New Canaan – Girls – Tennis	Trumbull	New Canaan 7 – Trumbull 0
5/5	New Canaan – Girls – Tennis	Ridgefield	New Canaan 5 – Ridgefield 2
4/29	St. Lukes – Boys – Baseball	Greens Farms	St. Lukes 2 – Greens Farms 1
5/1	St. Lukes – Boys – Baseball	Frederick Gunn	St. Lukes 8 – Frederick Gunn 14
5/5	St. Lukes – Boys – Baseball	Brunswick	St. Lukes 0 – Brunswick 7
4/29	St. Lukes – Boys – Lacrosse	King	St. Lukes 12 – King 14
5/1	St. Lukes – Boys – Lacrosse	Cheshire	St. Lukes 10 – Cheshire 13
5/4	St. Lukes – Boys – Lacrosse	Greens Farms	St. Lukes 6 – Greens Farms 12
4/27	St. Lukes – Boys – Tennis	Hopkins	St. Lukes 1 – Hopkins 6
4/29	St. Lukes – Boys – Tennis	Millbrook	St. Lukes 6 – Millbrook 0
5/1	St. Lukes – Boys – Tennis	Frederick Gunn	St. Lukes 6 – Frederick Gunn 1
4/20	St. Lukes – Boys – Golf	Brunswick	St. Lukes 2.5 – Brunswick 6.5
4/29	St. Lukes – Girls – Softball	Rye Country Day	St. Lukes 16 – Rye Country Day 1
5/2	St. Lukes – Girls – Softball	Hopkins School	St. Lukes 5 – Hopkins School 4
4/29	St. Lukes – Girls – Golf	Holy Child	St. Lukes 2 – Holy Child 3
4/29	St. Lukes – Girls – Lacrosse	Holy Child	St. Lukes 7 – Holy Child 13

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## Green Ribbons

May has placed green ribbons on New Canaan's downtown lampposts, and they carry a message more serious than decoration.

They tell us that mental health belongs in public view. They tell us that suffering often stands closer than we imagine: in a classroom, a kitchen, a pew, a locker room, an office, a marriage, a senior's apartment, a young adult's phone, a friend's silence. They tell us that our town must notice its own people who are suffering and reach out.

The New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance has made that work more visible this month. The Alliance brings together more than forty local organizations working to make behavioral health resources easier to find and easier to use. That is not a small thing. When people are in pain, the first obstacle often is not pride. It is confusion. Where do we go? Whom do we call? What is normal? What is urgent? What happens next?

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A parent sees a child changing and does not know whether to wait, call, ask, insist or hope. A spouse senses danger but lacks the vocabulary. A teenager wants help but fears the consequences of saying so. A neighbor sees withdrawal and wonders whether concern will feel like intrusion. In those moments, a family in distress does not need a maze. It needs a door.

New Canaan has begun building that door. The Assessment Program, a joint venture between the Town of New Canaan and Silver Hill Hospital, gives residents in need a timely psychiatric assessment and a referral for ongoing care. It serves children, adolescents and adults. It recognizes a plain truth: people in crisis need help before the crisis becomes catastrophe.

The Alliance has also done something mature and civic-minded. It has sought facts rather than impressions. The Community Health & Well-Being Survey gave New Canaan a clearer view of behavioral health needs, awareness and access. It asked residents to help the town understand where support exists, where gaps remain, and where people still do not know how to begin.

A town may possess generosity, institutions, educated residents, and financial capacity, yet still miss those who do not know the name of a program, fear the cost of care, or mistake loneliness for a private failing. Information is not compassion, but compassion without information can become an unfocused wish.

A serious community gathers information. It builds partnerships. It admits what it does not yet know. It refuses to let suffering remain nameless, because naming a problem is often the first act of mercy.

Fred Rogers gave America a sentence worth keeping: "Whatever is mentionable can be more manageable." The line endures because it honors what parents, teachers, clergy, doctors and friends know: what remains unnamed often grows. What gets spoken can begin to receive care.

Mental Health Awareness Month must not end when May does. The green ribbons should serve as markers, not endpoints. They remind us that help does not belong only to clinicians, clergy, schools, nonprofits and hospitals. It also belongs to neighbors who notice when someone has changed, friends who take distress seriously, parents who ask one more question and then listen, and a town that treats vulnerability not as weakness or peculiarity, but as part of the human condition.

New Canaan knows how to gather for achievement, celebration and grief. It must also gather around prevention, treatment and recovery. Visit the Alliance website. Share it. Read the *Sentinel's* coming coverage. Learn the Assessment Program. Do the ordinary work that sometimes saves a life: call, walk over, listen, stay.

A town shows its strength not by pretending its people never struggle, but by making sure they do not struggle alone, not in May, not in any month.

# Editorial Page

OPINION

## New Canaan Chose Compromise. Two or Three Neighbors Shouldn't Stop That.

Shovels are going into the ground at 751 Weed Street and one of two projects are going to be built.

The 102 unit version has already been fully approved by the courts. It is legal, it will be permitted, and it is ready to be built.

But there is now a better choice.

This project has lived many lives. Earlier versions were larger, and included more units that raised concerns for many residents. Neighbors spoke out. And instead of digging in, a group of residents, town leaders, and the development team did something increasingly rare: they came together and worked toward a compromise.

That compromise is a 62-unit plan that meaningfully reduces density, lowers building height, incorporates underground parking, and better reflects the inputs from the community. The compromise plan reduces the amount of total units by almost one half, and provides a \$3.2 million payment (as part of the compromise) from the developer to the town. This payment will be used to support housing solutions on the town's own terms, the definition of local control.

It is, by any estimation, a better plan for New Canaan.

Six neighboring property owners agree. Local authorities have reviewed and accepted it. Good-faith negotiations and compromise have brought us to the brink of delivering a project that balances growth with community concerns.

But now, two or three neighbors are standing in the way.

By refusing to come to the table, these holdouts are not stopping development. That ship has sailed. What they are doing is jeopardizing the compromise that so many worked hard to achieve for their own personal gain. Because here's the reality: if an agreement is not finalized, the 102-unit plan will move forward.

Without community involvement we wouldn't have spent the time and resources revising plans, reducing scale, and working through difficult conversations to get to 62 units. We wouldn't still be offering that compromise today. We believe the 62-unit plan is the right outcome for this site and for this town.

But we cannot deliver that plan unilaterally. It requires agreement. And right now, that agreement is being blocked by two or three individuals who have chosen not to engage. The neighbor intervenors are needed as the court requires unanimous agreement for any approved compromise. Rather than working with the community these three holdouts are working to advantage themselves by demanding buyouts and will leave the community with a much larger development. There are seven neighbor intervenors who have accepted the outlined compromise and wish to move forward, while these three intervenor holdouts must think the town should have the larger project.

Construction begins now. And if a resolution is not reached by May 22nd, we will proceed with what has already been approved: 102 units.

That outcome will not reflect the will of the broader community. It will reflect the consequences of inaction. New Canaan came together to find a better path forward. The overwhelming majority of stakeholders have done the hard work of compromise.

Now it's time for the remaining holdouts to do the same. Because the choice is no longer between development and no development. It's between a project shaped by the community, or by a few neighbors putting their interests over the community.

*By 751 Weed Street LLC:  
Managing Partner is Arnold Karp.*

## LEAF BLOWERS From Page 1

not receive exemptions from any restrictions because noise travels across ridges and open landscapes.

Others echoed the point. A resident who lives on more than two acres in the four-acre zone, described "a constant hum" of landscaping noise filtering across neighborhoods.

Residents supporting the ordinance repeatedly framed the issue not merely as annoyance, but as erosion — the slow disappearance of quiet itself.

Robin Fryer, a frequent participant in the hearings, struck a philosophical note. Referencing the Rolling Stones song "You Can't Always Get What You Want," Fryer urged compromise and passage of the ordinance even if no side viewed it as perfect.

"We can learn from the experience through this summer," Fryer said. "Let's get something done tonight and improve it as we go."

The proposed ordinance would restrict the use of gas-powered leaf blowers during the summer season, now defined by the committee as beginning the Saturday before Memorial Day and continuing through Labor Day. The committee also clarified exemptions for limited residential use on hard surfaces such as decks, driveways and walkways.

But one of the most contentious questions involved electric leaf blowers.

Earlier drafts of the ordinance

imposed time restrictions on electric blowers as well. Those limits were removed after debate at the full Town Council level, a decision that continued to divide committee members Tuesday night.

Council member Kim Norton argued that many residents' concerns centered on noise itself, regardless of fuel source.

"Noise is noise," Norton said.

Others countered that imposing restrictions on electric blowers would undermine the ordinance's broader purpose of encouraging residents and landscapers to transition away from gas-powered equipment.

"There's no question that a gas-powered leaf blower generates more noise than an electric leaf blower," committee member Eric Thunem said. "Why on earth would we then restrict the time limits during which they may use that recommended or suggested or encouraged alternative?"

The divide revealed a deeper tension common to affluent suburbs trying to reconcile environmental ideals with the demands of carefully maintained landscapes.

Several residents raised concerns about the financial burden on landscaping companies. One who described her family as committed to green energy and electric vehicles, warned that battery-powered commercial equipment remains expensive.

"A full day's workload will require them to stock up eight to 10 batteries," she said, noting that each battery can cost hundreds of dollars.

Still, support for action appeared

substantial.

John Fusek called the health impacts of gas-powered blowers "quite definitive" and urged the town to begin moving forward now rather than waiting for a perfect solution.

Perhaps the evening's most revealing moment came from David Finkel, a condominium resident near Mead Park, who confessed he had long believed he was alone in his frustration.

"I had no idea that the biggest frustration and stress in my life, these noise blowers, was shared by anyone in town," Finkel said.

That sentiment may explain why the debate has endured. In modern suburbia, noise complaints are rarely just about decibels. They are about whether people still feel they possess some small claim to calm, to reflection, to the ability to open a window on a spring afternoon without surrendering the atmosphere of their homes.

By the end of the meeting, the committee voted against restoring restrictions on electric blowers, while advancing the broader gas-powered blower ordinance toward a future public hearing before the full Town Council.

The final outcome remains uncertain. But after years of discussion, New Canaan seems to be inching toward a compromise — imperfect, contested and perhaps temporary — that reflects the awkward reality of civic life itself: communities rarely move forward in triumph. More often, they move forward through negotiation, fatigue and the quiet hope that neighbors can

## PRIMARIES From Page 1

update a name, or register for the first time.

For party changes, the rule is explicit. A voter changing from one party to another must pay attention to the deadline. The Secretary of the State's party affiliation page says a voter who changes from one party to another receives party privileges three months after filing the voter registration

application with the registrar of voters.

For the Aug. 11, 2026 primary, that means the party-transfer deadline is Monday, May 11.

Unaffiliated voters are different. An unaffiliated voter is not enrolled in any political party. The Secretary of the State cautions that unaffiliated is not the same as the Independent Party. A voter who writes Independent on the voter registration form will be enrolled in the Independent Party.

To change or register online, voters should go to the state's online voter

registration system through [MyVote.CT.gov/register](https://www.ct.gov/register). Once there, voters should select the language, then proceed through the registration questions. Voters should not stop because the form appears to be for new voters. A currently registered voter must still complete the application so the registrar can process the change.

Voters may also register or change information in person with the registrar of voters.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

## New Canaan CERT Annual Meeting



New Canaan CERT held its Annual meeting at the Lapham Community Center. Over 50 active members of CERT attended along with Russ Kimes Director of Emergency Services. A presentation was made by Shannon Valerie, NC Human Resources, on "Mental Health First Aid".

In addition to CERT members socialization presentations by CERT Board members on the 2025 CERT activities, Incident Command and Traffic control were made. CERT has been a part of New Canaan's public safety operations for over 20 years.

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# Over 200 Attend YMCA Family Field Day



The New Canaan YMCA hosted its annual Family Field Day on Sunday, May 3, with over 200 participants. Kids and families of all ages enjoyed an action-packed afternoon filled with an inflatable obstacle course, Gaga, parkour, potato sack races, yard games, street hockey, tie-dye, arts and crafts, snacks, and more. The Y thanks all who attended this fun, family event.

TOP LEFT: Gaga Games  
 BOTTOM LEFT: Potato Sack Race  
 ABOVE: Parkour Demo

# MAY 8 & 9

**WHITE ELEPHANT TAG SALE, RIDES, FOOD & FUN!**



## WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

- 20+ Midway Amusement Rides
- White Elephant Tag Sale  
*Great Treasures to be Found!*
- Book Sale - Outdoor & Sporting Goods - Toys - Furniture - Rugs - Fine Goods - Housewares - Appliances - Linens
- Food Court with Holy Smokers BBQ
- Strawberry Shortcake & Ice Cream
- Face Painting & Old Faithful Rides
- Live Entertainment  
*New Canaan Town Band - Pivot Ministries Choir - Dog Show*
- NEW Calm & Care Kids' Reset Space hosted by Inclusive Together

### MAY 8 - FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

**Wristband Sales: 4PM**  
**Midway Rides: 5-10PM**  
**Food Court: 5-8PM**

### MAY 9 - SATURDAY

**Midway Rides: 9AM-6PM**  
**White Elephant Tag Sale & All Venues: 9AM-3PM**  
**Food Court: 10:30AM-3PM**

### GETTING AROUND

**GetAbout New Canaan**

Vans run both days from Lumberyard Lot by train station.

### SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO

- Tag Sale Donation Details
- White Elephant Preview Party Tickets
- Volunteers Sign Up-All Ages & Talents



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## Carbon monoxide incidents require medical care

New Canaan Fire Department responded to two carbon monoxide (CO) incidents on Thursday that were caused by contractors using gasoline power equipment inside of a structure.

The first incident was at 2:30 pm on Oenoke Ridge. The contractor was using a saw to cut the concrete floor in the basement. About 30 minutes into the operation the CO detectors in the home were activated. New Canaan Firefighters responded and determined that the levels were above acceptable level. The home was ventilated to safe levels. A 2-week-old infant was brought to the pediatrician for evaluation.

The second occurred at 4:30 pm at 105 Elm St. A contractor was using a power washer in the basement of the restaurant. The contractor was overcome by the CO, treated by NCPD and NCEMS. The fire department metered and determined the was over 1000 ppm of CO in the basement. The firefighters performed a search of the building to ensure no other occupants were in the building and ventilated until all reading were back to zero.

New Canaan Fire Department requested mutual aid from Norwalk Fire Department for additional gas meters and ventilation fans. Sole and Black Bird restaurants were closed for the evening.

Operating gasoline powered equipment in or near your living areas is dangerous. Resident should ensure there are properly operating carbon monoxide detectors on all level of your home. For a complimentary residential home inspection call the New Canaan Fire Marshal's office 203-594-3030. Residents should sign up for Community Connect to provide basic information about their home to assist responding firefighters. <https://www.communityconnect.io/info/ct-townofnewcanaan>

LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN  
NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 in the Town Meeting Room at Town Hall and via Zoom, for the following purposes:

To consider and act upon:  
Recommendation from the Board of Finance for a Special Appropriation for the Board of Education Enrollment Account – Approval of a request for a Special Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000. The funds will be used for potential enrollment related expenditures. The source of funds is the General Fund.

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

LEGAL ADS

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TOWN OF NEW CANAAN  
TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan will hold a Public Hearing on May 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall and virtual to review and to hear public comment on the proposed Ordinance for Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Proposed Ordinance for Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers:

[DRAFT] ORDINANCE NO. [XX-XXXX] – GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY

Consistent with the municipal powers granted under C.G.S. §§ 7-148(c)(7), (8) and (10), including the protection and promotion of the public health, safety, convenience, general welfare, peace, quality of life, and property values for the residents of New Canaan, and to facilitate the enjoyment of the natural attractions and tranquility of the Town, it is the intent of this ordinance to set specific controls on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

“Gas-Powered Leaf Blower” means any powered device used to blow leaves, debris, grass clippings, or dust, whether handheld, backpack, mounted, or wheeled, that is powered by an internal combustion engine utilizing gasoline, diesel, or any other similar fuel.

“Summer Season” is defined as the period from the Saturday immediately prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day each year.

“Noise Ordinance” refers to the Town’s existing regulations on noise levels, specifically those addressing decibel levels during different times of day (New Canaan Town Code § 36A).

SECTION 3: RESTRICTIONS ON GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER USE

1. Restriction on the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

a. The use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers shall be prohibited within the Town of New Canaan during the Summer Season, as defined in Section 2, unless exempt under subsection (2).

b. The provisions of this ordinance are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other restrictions set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes and other sections of the Town Code, including but not limited to the Noise Ordinance.

2. Exceptions The following uses are exempt from the restrictions of this ordinance: a. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers used for emergency or safety purposes;

b. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers used for storm clean up;

c. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers used by the Town of New Canaan’s Department of Public Works (the “DPW”);

d. Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers used by public utility companies to clear debris affecting essential services; and

e. Single Gas-Powered Leaf Blower use by residents on hard or man-made surfaces.

SECTION 4: PENALTIES

1. Violation of Ordinance

a. Violations of the provisions of this ordinance shall be assessed against property owners, who shall be subject to the following penalties:

i. First Offense: A written warning and a notice of violation ii. Second Offense: A fine of \$100

iii. Third or Subsequent Offenses: A fine of the greater

of \$250, or the maximum amount allowed by § 7-148(c) (10)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time.

b. The fine for each municipal citation shall be payable to the Treasurer of the Town of New Canaan. The issuance, payment, and procedure to contest a municipal citation shall be in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 7-152C and the citation hearing procedure in Chapter 11 of the Code of the Town of New Canaan.

2. Enforcement

a. This ordinance may be enforced by the New Canaan Police Department (the “NCPD”) and/or any municipal officer or Town employee designated by the First Selectman (the “Designated Officer”).

b. The NCPD and/or the Designated Officer are hereby authorized to issue infraction tickets to any resident on whose property occurs a violation of any provision of this ordinance. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.

c. The provisions of this ordinance are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies available to the Town of New Canaan under the Connecticut General Statutes and other sections of the Town Code, including but not limited to the Noise Ordinance. The issuance of infraction tickets or municipal citations under this ordinance shall not preclude the exercise of such other remedies. In addition, the Town of New Canaan may seek injunctive relief and monetary penalties for continued and repeated violations

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect on June 1, 2026

LEGAL AD

May 7, 2026  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

The Selectmen for the Town of New Canaan, Connecticut, will receive sealed proposals for Hauling and Disposing of the following materials generated at the Town of New Canaan Transfer Station which is located at 139 Lakeview Ave, New Canaan, CT until 10:30 a.m. Local Time on Thursday May 26, 2026, at the Department of Public Works Office, located at 77 Main Street, New Canaan, CT 06840, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract documents will be available from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Public Works Office.

Materials:

Single Stream Recycling Materials

Proposals may not be withdrawn within 90 days after the actual date of the opening.

The Owner may waive any informalities or minor defects, or reject any or all proposals if it is in the best interest of the Town of New Canaan to do so.

The Town reserves the right to negotiate with any proposer that the Town believes has submitted the most favorable overall proposal, considering all factors such as terms and conditions, experience, qualifications, and price.

All specific questions may be directed to Town recycling coordinator @ 203-594-3701 or @newcanaanct.gov,

All proposers 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.

Superintendent  
Transfer Station  
Town of New Canaan, Connecticut

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Materials:

Construction and Demolition Material

Yardwaste

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LEGAL AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission at a regular meeting held via hybrid and in person on April 28, 2026 duly adopted the following resolution(s). Approved Applications become effective upon the filing of a copy thereof in the office of the Town Clerk.

1. RESOLVED, 0 North Wilton Road – Upon application of William Pollack, Keith E. Simpson Associates, Authorized Agent for Deforest Road Developers, LLC, c/o HT Partners, LLC, owner(s), for a 2-Lot Subdivision of an 8.94-acre parcel in the Four Acre Zone at 0 North Wilton Road (Map 47, Block 124, Lot 1) is approved.

2. RESOLVED, 635 Frogtown Road – Upon application of Stephen A. Finn, Wofsey, Rosen, Kuriansky, LLP, Authorized Agent for New Canaan Country School, owner(s) for a Special Permit approval pursuant to Section 6.4.G and 6.5.B.4 to permit soil disturbance in excess of 10,000 square feet, grading of material in excess of 1,000 cubic yards, and the construction of a retaining wall, portions of which will exceed four feet in height, in connection with the alteration of three existing athletic fields, two of which will be converted to artificial turf on property in the 2 Acre Zone at 635 Frogtown Road (Map 25, Block 12, Lot 160) is approved with conditions.

Krista Neilson, Secretary  
Dated April 28, 2026

LEGAL AD

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS  
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republicans electors of the Town of New Canaan on Friday, May 22nd 2026 at 6.30 p.m. at the Meeting Room in New Canaan Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut, to endorse the Republican Registrar of Voters.

Pursuant to New Canaan Party Rules, the candidate seeking endorsement by the Caucus, has filed a petition of candidacy signed by at least twenty-five (25) enrolled Republican electors by the published May 4th, 2026 deadline. New Canaan Party Rules exclude all other forms of nomination.

McLaughlin, Joan 589 West Rd

New Canaan Republican Town Committee

# What Life Will You Leave Behind?



BY HEATHER WRIGHT

When many of us hear the word legacy, we think of money, property, or what is written in a will. But Scripture and lived faith point us to something deeper. Legacy is the lasting spiritual and relational influence we leave behind—the imprint of our choices, our character, and our love. It is the fruit of a life lived before God.

The truth is, you already have a legacy. You are shaping it right now. Every word you speak, every act of mercy, every habit you form, every relationship you nurture becomes part of the tracks you leave for others to

follow. That means it is never too late to begin again. God is always at work, redeeming, restoring, and inviting us into new life.

But living this way requires intention. We live in a world full of noise and distraction. It is easy to drift. Faith calls us to be awake—to pay attention to what matters most and to live with purpose. At some point, we have to pause and ask: Who am I becoming? What is God forming in me? What am I passing on?

We are all shaped by those who came before us. Parents, grandparents, teachers, pastors, and friends leave a spiritual inheritance. My mother showed me how to serve others with quiet faithfulness. I still quote my grandfather's words of wisdom even though he passed 40 years ago. When I was in high school, the youth minister at my church made faith feel alive and real.

These people did more than influence me—they helped develop my sense of self, values and purpose.

We also inherit rhythms and traditions that carry meaning. Holiday gatherings, prayers at the table, serving others, songs of faith, shared stories—these become sacred threads in our lives. Legacy is rarely built through one dramatic moment. More often, it is formed through small, faithful acts repeated over time.

Our life experiences shape us as well. Joy teaches gratitude. Hardship teaches endurance. Scripture reminds us that “all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.” Even the painful parts of our story can be redeemed. God does not waste our suffering. He uses it to form compassion, deepen our faith, and draw us closer to Him.

*If we don't like the tracks we are leaving, it is never too late to alter our story.*

At the center of our legacy are our values—what we truly believe and how we live it out. The prophet Micah reminds us what the Lord requires: to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (6:8). These are not abstract ideas. They are daily choices. Have integrity in our actions, compassion toward others, and humility before God.

For those who follow Christ, faith is the anchor of our legacy. It shapes our identity, our purpose, and the way we love. We are reminded that we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works prepared in advance for us (Eph.2:10). We are not here by accident. Our lives have meaning, and our story

matters to God.

Purpose, then, is not just what we do—it is how we live. It is the place where “our deep gladness meets the needs of the world,” as Frederick Buechner put it. It may look like raising a family, caring for the hurting, mentoring someone younger, serving quietly in the background, or simply being present and faithful in everyday moments. Our faith and experiences inform our purpose, which over time becomes our legacy. The question is not only, “What will I leave behind?” but “How am I living today?”

If we don't like the tracks we are leaving, it is never too late to alter our story. It can feel risky to change and hard to break old habits but

liberating when we do. For me, this is where faith comes in. God is a great recycler; he rewrites our lives as we journey with him. It can happen with simple steps: offering forgiveness, making amends, reaching out to someone in need, creating meaningful traditions, serving in your community, or spending time with God in prayer. These small acts, done in faith, carry eternal weight.

Long after we are gone, people may forget what we accomplished, but they will remember how we loved, what we stood for, and whether our lives helped them flourish. That is legacy. At the end of your story, what do you hope others will say about your legacy?

# Worship Directory and Services

UPDATE SERVICES AND ADD SPECIAL EVENTS TO THIS CALENDAR AT [www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates](http://www.NewCanaanSentinel.com/worship-calendar-updates)

## Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

682 South Avenue 203.966.5849  
[www.ComeUntoChrist.org](http://www.ComeUntoChrist.org)  
Sunday Service: 12 PM

## Congregational Church

23 Park Street 203.966.2651  
[office@godsacre.org](mailto:office@godsacre.org)  
[www.godsacre.org](http://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](http://godsacre.org).

## First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203.966.0293  
[christiansciencet.org/newcanaaan](http://christiansciencet.org/newcanaaan)

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

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

## First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002  
[fpcnc.org](http://fpcnc.org)

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

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

### Upcoming Events:

**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](http://orchestralumos.org).

## Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020  
[www.starcc.com](http://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@stmarksnewcanaaan.org](mailto:churchoffice@stmarksnewcanaaan.org)  
[www.stmarksnewcanaaan.org](http://www.stmarksnewcanaaan.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 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 [stmarksnewcanaaan.org](http://stmarksnewcanaaan.org).

## St. Michael's Lutheran Church

5 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.3913  
[office@stmichaelslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmichaelslutheran.org)  
[www.stmichaelslutheran.org](http://www.stmichaelslutheran.org)

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

## Trinity Church

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1800 E. Putnam Ave, Old Greenwich  
203.618.0808  
[info@trinitychurch.life](mailto:info@trinitychurch.life)  
[www.trinitychurch.life](http://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](http://www.trinitychurch.life).

## United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666  
[frontdesk@umcofnewcanaaan.org](mailto:frontdesk@umcofnewcanaaan.org)  
[www.umcofnewcanaaan.org](http://www.umcofnewcanaaan.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

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[www.cbcnewcanaaan.org](http://www.cbcnewcanaaan.org)

Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZ2UNa8aHI30\\_Syp\\_XOKDg](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

### Upcoming Events:

**May 17 at 3 PM:** Women's Day Celebration. “Cultivating the Needful Thing”. All are welcome.

**May 20 to 22 at 7 PM:** Spring Revival with revivalist Pastor Kevin Mullins.

## Grace Community Church

9:30am Service @ Saxe Middle School  
468 South Avenue, New Canaan  
203-966-7600

[info@gracecommunity.info](mailto:info@gracecommunity.info)  
[www.gracecommunity.info](http://www.gracecommunity.info)

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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](mailto:talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com)  
[www.talmadgehill.org](http://www.talmadgehill.org)

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

### Recurring Events:

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

## Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

137 Putnam Rd  
[info@chabadnewcanaaan.org](mailto:info@chabadnewcanaaan.org)  
[www.newcanaanjewish.org](http://www.newcanaanjewish.org)

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

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

## Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903  
203.322.1649

[www.templeainaistamford.org](http://www.templeainaistamford.org)  
Service Schedule:

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

### Recurring Events:

**Fridays at 12 PM:** Torah Study  
**Second Saturday at 10:30 AM:** Mussar  
**First and Third Fridays at 5:30 PM:** Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children  
**First Saturday at 8 AM:** Avodat Halev Discussion Group

## Temple Sholom

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

[www.templesholom.com](http://www.templesholom.com)

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

### Recurring Events:

**Saturdays at 9 AM:** Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcXU0EzZUM2VENEZmgyUT09#sucess>

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145 River Street	\$2,895,000	SAT	1:00-3:00 pm	Blue Anchor
36 Down River Road	\$1,180,000	SAT	2:30-4:30 pm	Raveis
33 Village Drive	\$1,850,000	SAT & SUN	12:30-2:30/11-2pm	Compass
50 Heritage Hill Road	\$1,425,000	SAT & SUN	3-5 pm & 2-4 pm	WPSIR

## NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
253 New Norwalk Road	\$975,000	1,554	\$627			
36 Down River Road	\$1,180,000	2,010	\$587	.35	4	2
50 Heritage Hill Road	\$1,425,000	1,991	\$716		3	3
815 Valley Road	\$1,450,000	2,294	\$632	1.53	3	3
42 Old Stamford Road	\$1,795,000	2,132	\$842	.27	3	2
33 Village Drive	\$1,850,000	2,352	\$787	.36	5	2
12 Norholt Drive	\$2,395,000	2,802	\$854	.89	4	2
145 River Street	\$2,695,000	5,300	\$508	.36	5	4
197 Bowery Road	\$2,795,000	4,939	\$566	4.69	6	5
758 Smith Ridge Road	\$2,799,000	4,630	\$605	2.22	5	4
15 Burtis Ave East Plaza 202	\$2,850,000	1,641	\$1737		2	2
15 Burtis Ave Townhome A	\$2,995,000	1,767	\$1695		3	2
15 Burtis Ave West Plaza 202	\$3,300,000	2,140	\$1542		2	2
15 Burtis Ave Townhome C	\$4,200,000	2,507	\$1675		2	2
24 Llewellyn Drive	\$4,995,000	6,407	\$780	1.77	4	4
15 Burtis Avenue East PHC	\$5,995,000	3,322	\$1805		3	3
259 Frogtown Road	\$8,997,000	9,323	\$965	2.25	8	9

## NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
28 E Maple Street	\$2,295,000	\$2,295,000	\$2,000,000	36	3	3	
1038 West Road	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$2,500,000	80	4	3	4.04
135 Comstock Hill Road	\$2,698,000	\$2,698,000	\$2,485,000	57	4	3	1.74
148 Ramhorne Road	\$2,895,000	\$2,895,000	\$2,750,000	62	5	4	2
105 White Oak Shade Road	\$2,995,000	\$2,995,000	\$3,500,000	5	4	3	1.26
32 West Road	\$4,050,000	\$4,050,000	\$4,362,500	9	5	4	2.67
89 Pastures Lane	\$4,495,000	\$4,495,000	\$5,000,000	6	5	6	2.05
584 West Road	\$6,395,000	\$6,395,000	\$6,785,000	6	7	7	4.04

## Cleaning It Up



BY JOHN ENGEL

When my wife and I bought our first house on South Avenue, we paid \$230,000 for a small antique on a quarter-acre lot. Behind the detached one-car garage was a patch of overgrown scrub: weeds, brush, vines, volunteer trees, the kind of neglected little corner every first-time homeowner inherits and quietly hopes no one notices.

My father-in-law from North Carolina noticed. He did the math in his head and said, "That mess back there cost you more than \$10,000. You need to clean it up."

He was right. That is the instinct of every homeowner, every farmer, every developer, every zoning board, and every real estate person I know. We look at land and ask what it is doing. If it looks like it is doing nothing, we call it waste. Then we reach for the mower, the chainsaw, the site plan, or the zoning rewrite.

Much of the time, we are right.

Neglect is not character. Rot is not history. A collapsing building is not automatically charming because it is old. Every town has places that need attention, money, paint, drainage, landscaping, and imagination. I am not against cleaning things up. Quite the opposite. A lot of my work is helping people see what a property could become once the mess is removed.

But the older I get, the more suspicious I become of the phrase.

Because sometimes the thing we call "scruffy" is not useless. Sometimes it is just useful in a way that does not photograph well.

I thought about this recently when I picked up a dock float from Gary Wetmore at his boatyard on Water Street in South Norwalk. Gary is 67. He was a lobsterman before that business declined and pushed him out about 25 years ago. He reinvented himself building and repairing docks, the kind of practical marine work that waterfront communities absolutely depend on and rarely celebrate. Today, he works with his son. He is still an owner-operator, still fixing the things that hold the waterfront together.

Now Gary has to leave.

The Water Street property is making way for Spinnaker Real Estate Partners' approved redevelopment at 108 Water Street: 59 apartments, a 130-room hotel, restaurant, office space, parking, boat slips, and a public boardwalk along Norwalk Harbor.

There is a lot to like in that sentence. More housing. More public access to the water. A restaurant. A boardwalk. A more polished edge to the harbor. This is not a cartoon-villain development story. South Norwalk is changing, and much of that change has been good.

But still, something useful is being pushed out.

Gary is looking for space upriver, where the yachts will not go. That line says almost everything. The working waterfront is retreating so the recreational waterfront can enjoy the view.

The irony is hard to miss. The waterfront has become too valuable for the people who maintain the waterfront.

A dock is not romantic until you are sitting on one at sunset. A piling is not interesting until shipworms and gribbles start chewing through it at the waterline. A marine repair yard is not



My broken dock float: easy to ignore until you need someone who knows how to fix one.

## Change brings value. It also brings loss.

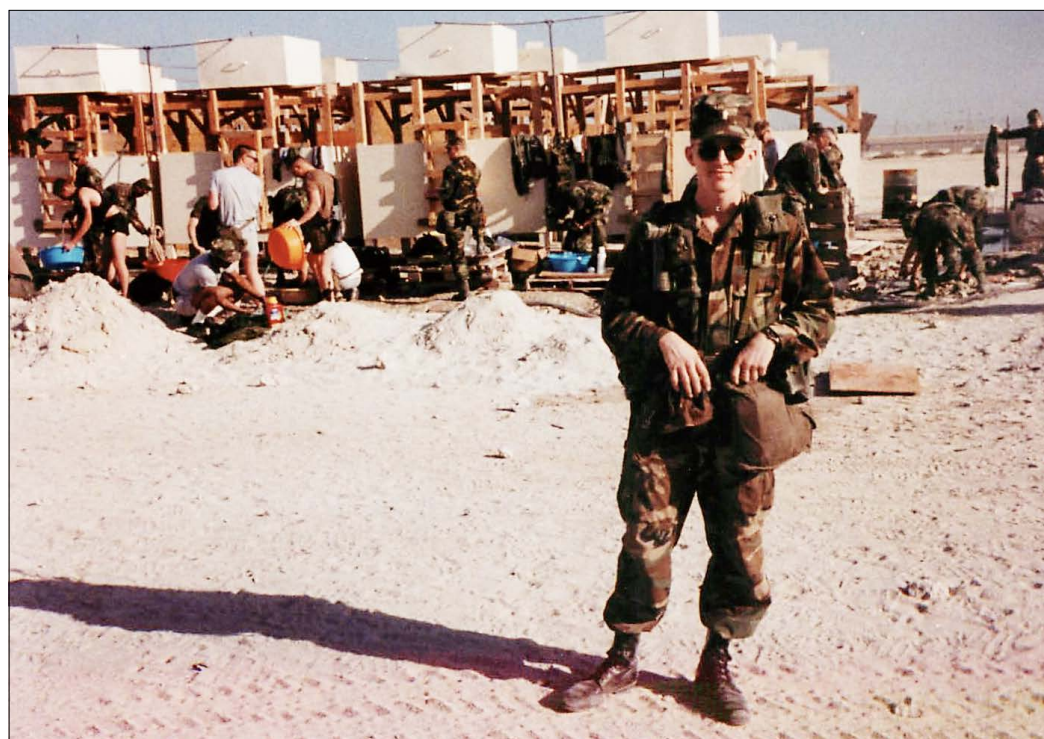
charming next to a hotel rendering. But if no one is left nearby who knows how to repair the docks, replace the floats, drive the pilings, and keep the harbor functioning, then the beautiful new waterfront becomes a stage set without a backstage.

That same tension exists in New Canaan, even without the harbor.

Cross and Vitti Streets have always been the less polished side of town, which is another way of saying they are useful. They are where the body shop lives, where the deli lives, where the limousine business lives, where practical businesses like shoe repair and surveying make a town work. Santo and Lynda are not abstractions in a zoning document. Lynda runs the limousine business. Santo is the unofficial mayor of Cross

and Vitti, crossing the street 50 times a day to check on his businesses. They are reminders that every functioning town depends on the practical businesses that keep daily life moving.

People are both afraid and excited about what may come next on that side of town. That is understandable. Change brings value. It also brings loss. New Canaan is reviewing its commercial zoning, and the broader trend is obvious: light industrial uses, repair shops, service businesses, and the practical concerns that keep town life moving are under pressure everywhere. Shoe repair gives way to something cleaner. Car repair gives way to something quieter. Lawn mower repair disappears because the land under it is worth more than the work being done on it.



At 23 in the Saudi desert, where scale changed my sense of what land is worth.

Again, not all of that is bad. Some places really do need a facelift.

That is why Pine Street matters. Fred Afragola and Tom Burger are restoring two more old brick industrial buildings there, not pretending they never existed. That is a different kind of cleaning up. It respects the bones. It improves the place without erasing its memory. It says the past may need paint, windows, investment, and a new use, but it was not a mistake.

That distinction matters. There is cleaning up that restores and cleaning up that evicts.

In real estate, we are trained to talk about "highest and best use." It is a useful concept, but a dangerous one if applied without humility. From a spreadsheet, the answer is often obvious. From the ground, it is more complicated. What looks inefficient may be doing work no one has bothered to measure.

I have been wrong about this since childhood.

When I was about 12, I used to trace my finger along the Gold Coast and stop at Bridgeport. I could not understand it. Here was the last underpriced waterfront in Connecticut. Sooner or later, I announced to my mother, Bridgeport had to turn around.

My mother, who knew more than I did, said that even though I was only 12 and had plenty of time to wait, I might still find myself waiting a few more generations.

She was right. I'm still waiting. Land does not obey our logic just because we can see it on a map.

At 23, I spent six months living in a small tent in the Saudi Arabian desert, 400 miles from the Persian Gulf. We drove inland on the Tapline Road, one lane in each direction, straight across an emptiness so large it made the American desert feel almost intimate. Five hundred thousand troops were sent to the Saudi border and told, in effect, to drive a few hundred miles, turn into the raw desert, spread out, and wait.

The desert swallowed us. Five hundred thousand troops could spread across that landscape and still disappear into it.

You could look in every direction and see nothing but flat sand. Units were spaced so far apart they could not see one another. After that, Fairfield County's habit of assigning destiny to every quarter-acre lot begins to look a little provincial.

That does not mean land here is not scarce. It is. Scarcity is real. Zoning matters. Housing matters. Public access matters. Restoration matters. So does economic growth.

But perspective matters, too.

Years later, when I was choosing a college, my mother gave me another piece of advice. "You need to get out of this area," she told me. "The whole world is not like this area. It's on a different scale, with different values, moving at a different pace. Go get some perspective."

She was right about that, too.

Around here, we are very good at seeing value. We see the quarter-acre. The waterfront parcel. The underused industrial street. The old brick building. The scruffy corner behind the garage. We see what could be cleaned up.

The harder discipline is seeing what is already there.

Before we clean up a place, we should ask what purpose it already serves.

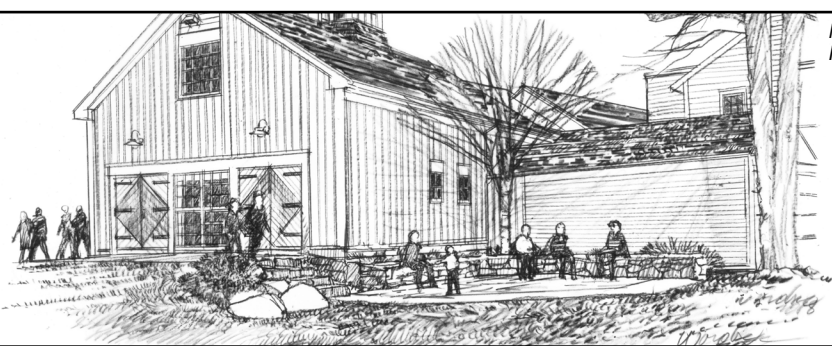
John Engel is a broker with The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman and is still trying to tell the difference between cleaning something up and understanding what it was doing there in the first place.

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## Silvermine & Earthplace Celebrate Student Learning Through Art and Nature

Silvermine Arts Center's Art Partners Outreach Program, in partnership with Earthplace Nature Center, presents a series of spring exhibitions featuring artwork by second and fourth grade students from Dunbar and Wilbur Cross Elementary Schools in Bridgeport. The exhibitions highlight student learning at the intersection of art and environmental study, offering a compelling look at how young learners observe and interpret the natural world.

This long-standing collaboration between Silvermine and Earthplace provides creative interdisciplinary learning experiences for students from under-resourced communities in both Bridgeport and Norwalk. Together, the organizations are committed to expanding access to enriching educational opportunities, ensuring that all students, regardless of background, have the opportunity to engage deeply with both the natural world and the creative process.

Through guided field studies at Earthplace, students observe native habitats and participate in hands-on scientific exploration. These experiences are extended in the classroom through Silvermine Art Partners in-school residencies, where professional Teaching Artists support students in translating their observations into thoughtful, mixed-

*Together, they are helping to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn, create, and be seen.*

media works of art. This integrated approach not only reinforces classroom learning, but also builds confidence, encourages curiosity, and empowers students.

Early this year, the front galleries at Earthplace presented a collection of striking 16 x 20-inch canvases inspired by the study of the significance of seeds. Drawing from direct experiences, students explored plant life cycles, seed structures, and the role of pollinators, translating their knowledge into vibrant and expressive compositions. The month of May will feature a new body of work focused on animal habitats. Building on field observations and classroom learning, students created carefully rendered canvases that reflect their



Student exhibition at Earthplace



Kids painting animal habitats

understanding of how animals live, adapt, and survive within their environments. These works highlight both scientific comprehension and artistic growth.

A defining aspect of this partnership is the opportunity for students to see their artwork displayed in a professional, public setting. Earthplace thoughtfully installs the exhibitions in its galleries, where visitors have immediate access to viewing the work. For many students, this represents a rare and meaningful

opportunity where their voices and creativity are recognized beyond the classroom, fostering a strong sense of pride, belonging and connection to the wider community.

"Bringing science and art together in this way is incredibly powerful," said Veronica Swain, Director of Nature Education and Conservation at Earthplace. "When students can observe the natural world firsthand and then express what they've learned creatively, it deepens their understanding and makes the

experience truly meaningful. Seeing their work displayed gives students a sense of pride and connection that extends far beyond the classroom."

Silvermine Arts Center and Earthplace remain committed to this impactful partnership, continuing to expand access to enriching educational experiences for students in their neighboring communities. Together, they are helping to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn, create, and be seen.

## Noah Kahan's The Great Divide Finds the Whole World at the End of August

By EMMA WHITNEY

I am so completely moved by Noah Kahan's new album, *The Great Divide*. As a New Englander, as someone with complex sibling relationships, as a human being with stories from my past and friends I have lost, this album has me in a lock-jaw grip.

Since its release, I have listened to little else. I have taken it into the car, on walks, through chores, through the strange quiet hours when a song starts as sound and then becomes a mirror. I keep diving deep into the songs and lyrics, learning new things about my relationship with myself, with my past, and with the people I love. That may sound like a lot for one little album to do, but have you ever heard of *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*? Small works have a way of bringing heavy machinery into the soul.

As an album, *The Great Divide* is sprawling in the best sense: many rooms, many roads, many versions of home. Kahan's songwriting is strongest when it trusts ordinary objects with extraordinary feeling. A pair of Ray-Bans. A porch light. A lighthouse. A county line. A friend with a beer in his hand at sunrise. He writes details that feel small at first, then somehow pull whole chapters of your life into the room.

"End of August" is the album's first great ache. The song lives inside late-summer unrest, that specific New England feeling of a summer ending before you have agreed to let it go. I spent my summers in Maine as a girl, and Kahan captures that last day of true freedom with painful accuracy. The last of days that are warm and humid and sticky with possibility. The last day before the silent tear-fall on the way home. The last day spent so full and bright, even as school nights, homework, and cooler evenings wait just beyond the trees.

As you may have read in the main edition of the *Sentinel* last week, this album also inspired in me a new love of bugs. Actually, love of bugs feels too strong. Maybe I now have a new-found tentative understanding with bugs. In this album, they appear at the seasonal margins. They die at the end of summer. They sleep under rocks. They show up near tents, water, county lines, and grief. Kahan lets them do what bugs actually do: live close to the ground, signal weather, and remind us that change often arrives first in the smallest bodies.

"Late August angst and a pointless night Oh,

and the feelin' of being alive For the first time in a long time" -*End of August*

That feeling becomes one of the album's clearest throughlines: the ache as proof of life. The pointless night, the county road, the cooling air, the dying bugs, the last bright breath before September. Kahan makes the end of summer feel like a physical place, one you can stand in for only a moment before the season moves on.

"Ray-Bans on your face, you've been drivin' all day, but you're here and we're so grateful you are" -*American Cars*

The beauty of "American Cars" is that arrival itself becomes love. Kahan understands the person who comes home tired and still becomes useful. He understands the family member who knows the right tone, the right joke, the right way to make someone talk, the right way to step into a house and briefly steady it.

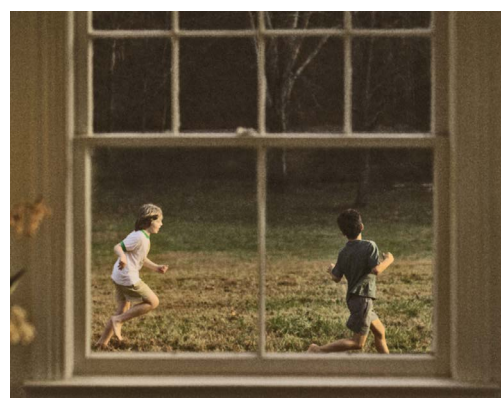
That is one of the album's great mercies. Whichever sibling you may be, Kahan seems to understand you. The sibling who leaves. The sibling who stays. The sibling who becomes the fixer. The sibling who needs fixing. The sibling who resents the call and still answers. The sibling who turns silence into jokes. The sibling who carries the old version of the family on their back. Kahan celebrates each role with tenderness because he writes them from the inside, with all their irritation, loyalty, guilt, and love intact.

"You know I think about you all the time And my deep misunderstanding of your life" -*The Great Divide*

"The Great Divide" is a song about looking back with a clearer, sadder set of eyes. Kahan writes toward someone whose suffering existed beside him, close enough to hear in the car, close enough to share a road with, and still somehow beyond reach. The song understands a very particular kind of guilt: loving someone, thinking about them constantly, and realizing later that love alone gave you only part of the picture.

The song also gives the album one of its deepest acts of maturity. Kahan resists turning misunderstanding into self-pity. He lets it become attention. He looks again, more carefully this time. Across the album, that act of looking again becomes essential: at childhood, at family roles, at hometowns, at addiction, at old friendships, at people whose stories were carried badly the first time around.

"Lighthouse" turns the album toward a different kind of grief: the grief of watching a



The End of August

person become a story other people handle carelessly. The song begins with a house being turned into something else, a place reshaped for strangers, and that image gives the whole track its ache. Kahan writes about the way memory can be displaced. Rooms change. Towns change. A name can become local lore, rumor, then something polished smooth by convenience.

"I comb the lighthouse, and hope you're there in the morning" -*Lighthouse*

To comb a lighthouse is to search a place built for searching. It is love turned into ritual, grief turned into motion. Kahan is looking for someone who has already become absence, and still the search continues. The song treats remembrance as a responsibility: keep the voice intact, keep the story careful, keep looking toward the morning.

"Paid Time Off" gives the album one of its most quietly devastating portraits of staying close to home. The song has a smaller frame than some of the record's bigger emotional swings, and that is exactly why it works. It is built from ordinary materials: a fast food sign, a car, a bag, a handwritten note, a police scanner, burnt coffee, a check to cash. Kahan takes the plain machinery of a local life and gives it tremendous feeling.

"Someone once told us there's a world out there, but we don't care enough to drive that far" -*Paid Time Off*

The song also has a strange sweetness. It is romantic in a weary, local, almost practical way. Love here is a running car, an outlet mall, a whole lot of time to waste. It feels like two people choosing the known world over the promised one, or at least finding comfort in having someone beside them while they delay the bigger question. Kahan lets the song sit in that space without treating it as failure. There is affection in the staying. There is meaning in the wasted time.

There is a whole life inside the decision to drive only so far.

By "We Go Way Back," the album opens into gratitude.

"Saw the world from up close, it ain't much to look at compared to you in your work clothes, wavin' hello from the driveway" -*We Go Way Back*

That lyric is one of the album's most beautiful turns. After all the motion, fame, airports, distance, and noise, Kahan locates meaning in the ordinary sight of someone familiar waving from a driveway. The grandeur falls away. The world grows smaller in the best possible sense. What matters is a person in work clothes, close enough to see, close enough to wave.

"We Go Way Back" feels like a return to substance. The song has rain, gravel, dogs, porches, a backyard, and the kind of love that asks for very little and somehow gives back everything. It feels like an answer to the restlessness elsewhere on the album. Here, Kahan sounds almost relieved by the idea of becoming useful in simple ways: letting dogs out, sweeping porches, being near someone who recognizes the real bad days from the manageable ones.

And then there is "Dan," which may be the album's purest expression of friendship as shelter.

"Cause I'm with my best friend Dan now, campin' on the county line Hand around a Miller Lite, waitin' for the sun to rise" -*Dan*

That ending understands why people gather in the dark to tell the truth before the moment disappears. Friendship becomes a place. A county line becomes a chapel. A sunrise becomes enough.

That is what *The Great Divide* gives us: a specific, bruised, funny, generous album about memory and the people who survive inside it. Its best songs know that family is complicated because love is complicated, that grief can be hilarious until it becomes unbearable, that a town can make you and trap you and still call you home, and that the smallest details often carry the most weight.

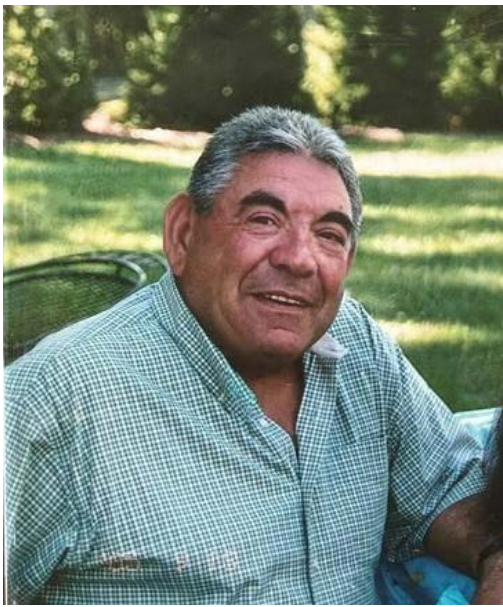
And yes, it made me care about bugs. Tentatively. From a respectful distance. But still. That feels like a miracle of its own.

Everybody's asleep, let's talk about it. Let's talk about high school and talk about death, before the moment tries to disappear. Don't the sky look pretty up here?" -*Dan*



# Obituaries

## MICHELINO BIANCO



On Friday, May 1, our beloved Michelino, "Mike" Bianco, age 86, passed peacefully with his family by his side.

Born in Panni, Italy, he was the son of the late Francesco and Maria Bianco. He is survived by his loving wife, Maria, and three children, Anna Soro and her husband Raffaele of New Canaan, Frank Bianco and his wife Jill of Ridgefield, and Janet Bianco of New Canaan.

He is also survived by his eight grandchildren that he loved more than

life itself; Lucian, Brianna, Lexie, Ellie, Michael, Izzy, Steven, and Sophie. Mike was predeceased by his brother Antonio, and his sisters, Saverina, Raffaella, and Giulietta.

A man of remarkable dedication and versatility, there was little he couldn't do. He served as a member of the United States Army, a volunteer firefighter, and the owner of a successful landscaping company. A lifelong resident of New Canaan for over 70 years, he was deeply rooted in his community, and took pride in his many roles. From an avid gardener, and skilled winemaker, to the family's trusted handyman, there was no task he couldn't conquer.

Above all, Mike's greatest devotion was to his family. In 1965, he married the love of his life, Maria. Together they built their life, and raised their family in New Canaan. His favorite things in the world were the most simple. Wednesday night card games, strolling the aisles at Home Depot & Weed & Duryea, and barbecues with his family.

Whether having Black Cherry ice cream taste tests with his grandchildren, or seeking out the hottest peppers he could find, Mike approached life with enthusiasm, humor, curiosity, and a deep appreciation for the people he loved most.

In lieu of any flowers, donations can be

made to New Canaan EMT. (<https://www.newcanaanems.org/donate>)

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 10 am.

St. Aloysius Church, 21 Cherry St., New Canaan, CT 06840.

## ELIZABETH MCINTYRE

Elizabeth McIntyre passed away on April 16 at her home in Newtown, Pa. She was 95 years old. She was born in New York City and lived in New Canaan, CT before moving to Pennsylvania to be near family. She loved reading history, gardening, art and opera. Most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her brother, Anthony Guida, daughter and son-in-law Suzanne and Christopher Loomis, grandchildren Stephen and Kristi Loomis, Jennifer and Chance Adam and William and Nerren Loomis, and great-grandchildren Ryan, Matthew, Thea, Andrew, Lily and Mia. She was predeceased by her husband Joseph. She is loved and missed by all.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on April 28.

"(She) passed over into the Lord's

keeping." Beowulf

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

## MARYANN MATTHEWS

1937 - 2026

MaryAnn Jaykus Matthews, 89, died peacefully on March 14 at Downeast Hospital, Machias, Maine after a short illness. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Nellie(Jackson) Jaykus of New Canaan, CT. MaryAnn was married to Bernard Matthews, lived in Darien CT, and worked for Union Trust Bank Operations for many years. Upon Bernard's retirement, they moved to Lubec, Maine, where MaryAnn worked for years at the town library.

MaryAnn is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Bernard, her devoted son, William A. Kofalk, of Hartford CT, siblings Rosemarie Petronella, Michael (Imogene), and Paul Jaykus, along with her Goddaughter, Danine Jaykus, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her three brothers, George (d 1994), Walter (d 2014), and Joseph (d 2016).

A memorial will be held later this summer in Maine.

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**St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
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# Roger Sherman Inn Welcomes Back Pre-Prom Tradition

BY JULIE O'BRIEN DEASY

On a beautiful spring evening approximately 450 New Canaan residents gathered at the Roger Sherman Inn to celebrate and take photos ahead of Junior Prom with the Class of 2027. This longstanding tradition had been absent in recent years, and judging by the enthusiastic turnout from students and families alike, its return was warmly welcomed by the community.

NCHS parent Jayne Benton, owner of Elm Street Events, partnered with the Roger Sherman Inn to host this year's junior pre-prom gathering on April 17. With support from New Canaan High School and the NCHS PFA in promoting the event, the evening was a tremendous success.

"The first goal was to

bring back this fantastic post prom event, and have a place for all the students and parents to gather. I love all the New Canaan traditions, and this is such a fun one," observed Benton, a long time New Canaan resident. "We also wanted to reintroduce the Roger Sherman Inn to the town, so people could get to know the new owners and see how they are updating the property."

Parents and students mingled for a few hours on the front lawn, taking pictures and catching up with friends. Before heading off to prom, the evening concluded with the famous "rainbow" picture of all the girls lined up according to dress color.

Students appreciated the chance to see all their classmates together as a class. "Pre-prom was great because I could see all my friends in one place and catch

up before Prom," said Junior Henry Reagan.

Roger Sherman Inn provided complimentary passed hors d'ouerves and soft drinks, and had live music, fire pits, and a photographer present to capture the event. Parents in attendance appreciated the event as much as the students.

"Junior Prom was amazing. It was so nice to see so many kids and parents we hadn't seen in ages. We ended up staying for dinner with some friends at the Roger Sherman after the kids left. It was great - highly recommend the seafood risotto. We are so glad they brought back this tradition," noted Sarah Hering, parent of a current Junior.

Brianna and Uanderson Benedetti purchased the Roger Sherman last year and were excited to help

*The Roger Sherman will be opening its doors again on May 15 to celebrate Senior Prom. Families are welcome to arrive starting at 5:00pm, with the full class photo at 5:45pm. This free event is open to all seniors and their families.*



bring back this community tradition. "My family loves this community, and we think this property deserves a special place in it," Benedetti said. He wants "the property

to be a gathering spot for everyone in New Canaan."

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to arrive starting at 5:00 PM, with the full class photo at 5:45 PM. This free event is open to all seniors and their families.



## St. Aloysius to Open Catholic Preschool, Names Founding Director

BY ANNE WHITE

On South Avenue, where families already move in and out of St. Aloysius Parish for Mass, religious education, and parish life, a new daily routine is about to begin. In September 2026, the parish will open St. Aloysius Catholic Preschool, welcoming its first students and introducing a new entry point for young families in New Canaan.

The preschool will serve children ages 2 through 5 and is already accepting applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. The program is described as "New Canaan's Only Catholic Preschool - Where Faith and Excellence in Early Learning Come Together."

In a letter to parish families, Msgr. Robert M. Kinnally announced the appointment of Maria Hillman as the school's founding director. "Maria Hillman will be the first director of St. Aloysius Catholic

Preschool," he wrote.

Hillman comes to New Canaan from St. Thomas More Happiness Preschool in Darien, where she served as director. "Maria brings a wealth of experience in Catholic early education," Kinnally wrote, adding that her "strong Catholic faith, love of children, and proven leadership" distinguished her during the search process. He also noted that her recommenders "praised her for building a strong team of educators and creating a joyful and faith-filled learning community."

Hillman will begin working with the parish immediately on a part-time basis and will assume the role full-time following her departure from her current position on June 30, 2026. She is expected to oversee admissions and begin outreach to families who have already expressed interest in the program.

Parish leadership has framed the school as part of its broader effort to support families at an early stage in their children's development. The mission of the preschool is "to partner with families to educate young minds and hearts in the Catholic faith, nurturing both spiritual and intellectual growth." The program also aims to prepare students "with the necessary skills to thrive in the next stage of their educational journey" while fostering "a deep love of learning and a lifelong dedication to their Catholic faith."

For families considering preschool options, the program emphasizes a play-based approach to early learning where children will develop skills in "literacy, numeracy, problem solving, and critical thinking" within a framework that integrates Catholic values.

Classroom experiences will vary by age group but share a

*The preschool also highlights its focus on the "whole child," describing an approach that supports "spiritual, social, emotional and intellectual growth."*

common structure centered on hands-on learning and social development. The school will offer programs for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds, as well as a pre-kindergarten program for 5-year-olds, each designed to support developmental milestones through play, routine, and guided instruction.

The preschool also highlights its focus on the "whole child," describing an approach that supports "spiritual, social, emotional and intellectual growth." Facilities are described as "state-of-the-art," with "bright, welcoming

classrooms and safe and secure play areas" intended to support exploration and creativity.

Admissions opened on December 3, 2025, and the process includes an online application, a scheduled tour, and a meeting with the admissions team. The school states that it welcomes applicants from all faith backgrounds, though priority will be given to parishioners of St. Aloysius and families seeking a Catholic education.

Tuition for the 2026-2027 academic year varies by program, with part-time options

for younger children and full five-day programs for older students. Schedules range from morning-only sessions to extended pre-kindergarten hours.

As the parish prepares for its inaugural year, the preschool represents a new way for families to engage with St. Aloysius at an earlier stage. What begins with a classroom experience for a two- or three-year-old may also become a first connection—to teachers, to other families, and to the life of the parish itself.

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# School Enrollment Pressures Drive New Canaan’s Proposed \$500,000 Special Appropriation

By PETER BARHYDT

Rising elementary school enrollment, particularly at West School, is prompting New Canaan Public Schools to seek a \$500,000 special appropriation to fund additional staffing, classroom materials and facility modifications ahead of the 2026-27 school year.

The request, discussed Tuesday during the Board of Selectmen meeting, reflects what school officials described as a measured response to unusual enrollment patterns that emerged following the pandemic-era increase in births across town.

Superintendent Dr. Bryan Luizzi told selectmen that New Canaan typically averages between 150 and 160 births annually, but beginning in 2021, births rose above 200.

“When we saw that in 2021, a couple of years ago, we thought, ‘Gosh, if that same ratio holds, we’ll be well over 400 children in our kindergarten class,’” Luizzi said.

Historically, the district has used what Luizzi described as a “birth decay ratio” to estimate future kindergarten enrollment. The district compares birth numbers from prior years to actual kindergarten attendance five years later and uses those trends to project incoming class

sizes. The district originally feared the spike in births would produce an unprecedented kindergarten surge. Instead, the enrollment growth has been uneven across the district.

At East School and South School, current enrollment trends appear manageable within existing classroom structures. But West School is seeing significantly higher numbers.

“The West kindergarten enrollment thus far is about 30% higher than we typically run,” Luizzi said.

If enrollment trends continue through the summer, the district expects to add one or possibly two kindergarten classrooms at West School.

To create the necessary space, the district plans to relocate two pre-kindergarten classrooms from West School to South School.

Luizzi said West School is already operating above its original intended classroom capacity.

“West is at maximum capacity now,” he said.

The proposed appropriation would fund several components tied to the anticipated expansion.

- Those costs include:
- One or two additional kindergarten teachers.
- Classroom furniture

and instructional materials.

- Refurbishment of a dedicated pre-kindergarten playground at South School.
- Minor transportation and logistical adjustments associated with splitting pre-K operations between two schools.

The playground work emerged as a major topic of discussion during the meeting. Selectman Amy Murphy Carroll asked whether a separate playground was legally required for pre-kindergarten students.

“This is a requirement,” Luizzi responded. Current estimates place the playground refurbishment between \$150,000 and \$200,000, though district officials said they are still refining those figures.

Luizzi emphasized that the district intentionally avoided building worst-case enrollment assumptions into its annual operating budget earlier this year. “This was the right approach,” he said. “Had we budgeted for a worst-case scenario, we’re not there. And then we would’ve been talking about why did we build these extra funds into the budget.”

Instead, the district maintained stable staffing assumptions during the budget cycle and opted to address emerging enrollment needs later through a special appropriation

***“If we needed more, then we use the funds that are required to meet the needs – no more, no less.” – Superintendent Dr. Bryan Luizzi***

process.

“If we needed more, and this is the conversation for us that we’re going into now, to do it as a special appropriation because of that variability, then we use the funds that are required to meet the needs – no more, no less,” Luizzi said.

Selectman Steve Karl asked whether the district risks overstaffing if the current kindergarten increase turns out to be temporary.

Luizzi said the district does not view the enrollment trend as a short-term “bubble,” noting elevated birth numbers have now continued for several years.

“I don’t know that this is a bubble,” Luizzi said. “When we go back three years, we’re seeing the birth rate over 200 all three years.”

He also noted that staffing adjustments are regularly made throughout the district through retirements, transfers and attrition.

“For instance, two years ago, we reduced our fifth grade by two teachers because of enrollment changes,” Luizzi said.

Carlson said the enrollment increase ultimately reflects broader demand to live in New Canaan.

“These are good problems to have,” she said.

The Board of Selectmen did not vote on the appropriation Tuesday. The request will continue through the Board of Finance and Town Council review process.

Much of the remainder of Tuesday’s meeting focused on infrastructure projects and capital purchases.

The town approved more than \$2.5 million for local road paving projects and another \$505,000 for road preservation work, including crack sealing and micro-thin overlay treatments.

Public Works Director Tiger Mann announced that Pine Street – the final road in a townwide

paving initiative that began more than two decades ago – would be completed Tuesday.

“Twenty years ago, 22 years ago, we set out to repave every road in town,” Mann said. “Today Pine Street, which is the last road on our list, will be done.”

Officials also approved several equipment purchases for the Department of Public Works, including a new dump truck, a skid steer loader and a trailer.

The board additionally recognized National Public Works Week.

“After the winter we just had,” Carlson told Public Works employees, “wanted to thank you for all you do to keep this community moving and safe.”

The meeting opened with recognition of Girl Scout Troop 50489, which received praise for earning the Bronze Award through its “Cares Craft Club Project,” a community initiative supporting local nonprofits and younger children.

## We need your feedback on the future of Affordable Housing in New Canaan

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# May's Sky Show: Planets, Moon Shadows and One Invisible Supermoon

## Face West

May 2026 Sky Guide



- After sunset, face west.
- Gemini is the main constellation there this month.
- Jupiter sits in Gemini and shifts slowly during May.
- Venus moves through Gemini, and the crescent Moon passes through from May 18-20.
- The Moon is near Venus on May 18 and beyond Jupiter by May 20.

**Photo tip:** May 18-20 are great evenings for sky pictures.

## Shadowing the Giant Planet

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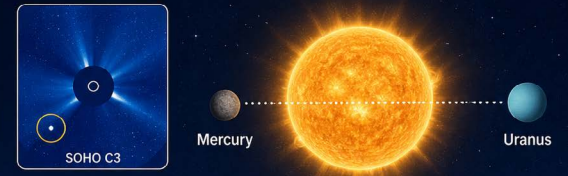


- Jupiter has two double shadow events this month.
- On May 8, from 8:44-9:25 p.m., Europa and Ganymede cast shadows on Jupiter.
- On May 15, from 11:19 p.m.-1:25 a.m., the same thing happens again.
- A telescope is the best way to see these moving black dots.

**What you're seeing:** moon shadows crossing Jupiter's clouds.

## Other Invisible Events

May 2026 Sky Guide



- Mercury reaches superior conjunction on May 14 and is hidden by the Sun.
- Mercury passes Uranus in the SOHO C3 camera view on May 17.
- Comet C/2025 R3 (PANSTARRS) stays low and hard to spot after sunset.
- Uranus lines up with the Sun on May 22 and is not visible.

Several events this month are more interesting than visible. Mercury passes behind the Sun from Earth's point of view on May 14, making it hidden in the Sun's glare. On May 17, Mercury passes near Uranus in the view of the SOHO C3 space camera.

Comet C/2025 R3 (PANSTARRS) remains difficult to see after sunset because it stays low in the sky. Uranus also lines up with the Sun on May 22 and will not be visible. Mercury should become easier to see in June.

The best evening view this month is in the western sky. Gemini is the main constellation to watch. Jupiter remains in Gemini and moves slowly during the month. Venus also travels through Gemini, passing below Castor at mid-month and moving toward the center of the constellation by month's end. The crescent Moon joins the scene from May 18 to May 20. It appears near Venus on May 18 and moves past Jupiter by May 20. These evenings should offer strong photo opportunities, even with a phone camera.

Jupiter offers two telescope events this month. On May 8, from 8:44 p.m. to 9:25 p.m., the shadows of Europa and Ganymede cross Jupiter's cloud tops. On May 15, from 11:19 p.m. to 1:25 a.m., the same two moons cast their shadows on Jupiter again.

Through a telescope, these shadows look like small black dots moving across the planet. They are not storms or marks on Jupiter; they are moon shadows.

## Shorter Nights

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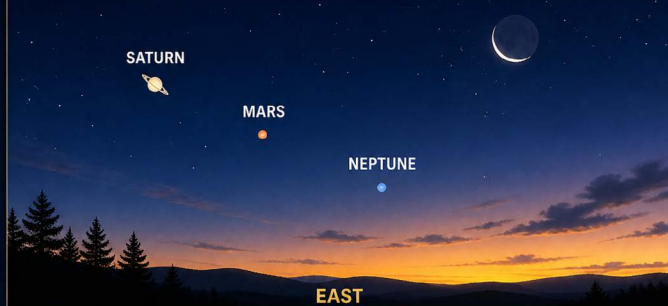


- In May, nights get shorter.
- Winter constellations are leaving the evening sky.
- Orion, Taurus, the Big Dog and the Little Dog sink into the western twilight after sunset.
- Look west soon after sunset if you want to catch them before they fade.

**Best time to look:** Right after sunset, facing west.

## Swinging Low in the Morning

May 2026 Sky Guide



- Before sunrise, Saturn, Mars and Neptune sit low in the morning sky.
- They are faint and easy to miss.
- On May 13, the Moon rises above them about two hours before sunrise and helps mark the spot.
- On May 14, a very thin 5% Moon stands to the left of Saturn.
- Neptune needs binoculars or a telescope.

**Best time to look:** 1-2 hours before sunrise, low in the east.

Saturn, Mars and Neptune are low in the morning sky this month, but they will not be easy targets. Look in the east before sunrise. Mars and Saturn may be visible to careful observers, while Neptune requires binoculars or a telescope.

On May 13, the Moon rises above this group about two hours before sunrise, helping mark the area. On May 14, a very thin Moon, only about 5% illuminated, appears to the left of Saturn.

## How Many Satellites Can You See in a Night?

May 2026 Sky Guide



- On a clear night, you might see more than 100 satellites bright enough to spot.
- Many of them are Starlink satellites.
- Tiangong is visible in the morning early in May and in the evening later in the month.
- The International Space Station is visible in the morning during the first week.
- Later in May, the ISS shifts to evening passes, and from May 7-10 it may pass about every 97 minutes.

On a clear night, you may see more than 100 satellites bright enough to notice. Many are Starlink satellites, which often appear as moving points of light crossing the sky.

The Tiangong Chinese Space Station should be visible in the morning during the first half of May and in the evening during the second half. The International Space Station is visible in the morning during the first week and shifts to evening passes later in the month. From May 7 to May 10, the ISS may be visible on repeated nighttime passes about every 97 minutes.

Use a satellite-tracking app for exact times.

## Find the Lion

May 2026 Sky Guide



- Leo is high in the southern evening sky.
- Look for a backward question mark at the front and a triangle at the back.
- Regulus is Leo's brightest star.
- On May 22, the first quarter Moon appears next to Regulus.
- Bonus challenge: Venus points to NGC 1746 on May 8 and passes near M35 on May 22.

**Best view:** Early evening, looking south.

## Invisible Supermoon

May 2026 Sky Guide



- The new Moon happens on May 16, so the Moon is mostly invisible.
- The Moon is very close to Earth on May 17.
- That makes it a super new Moon.
- A close new Moon can bring stronger tides for a few days.
- Because this new Moon is close, the full Moon on May 31 will be the smallest full Moon of 2026.

**Key idea:** a supermoon is not always visible.

The new Moon occurs on May 16, which means the Moon will be too close to the Sun in the sky to see. The next day, May 17, the Moon reaches one of its closest points to Earth this year. That makes it a supermoon, even though it is invisible.

This close new Moon may contribute to higher-than-usual tides for a few days. Because the Moon is close to Earth at new Moon, the full Moon on May 31 will be the smallest full Moon of 2026.

## Far Out

May 2026 Sky Guide



- Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 are about 23 light-hours from Earth.
- NASA is saving power as their generators slowly weaken.
- After a February power glitch, Voyager 1 now runs only two science instruments.
- Next year, engineers plan a 'Big Bang' switch to get the most science from the power left.

Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 are about 23 light-hours from Earth, meaning their signals take roughly 23 hours to reach us. NASA is managing both spacecraft carefully because their power supplies are weakening.

Voyager 1 had a power problem in February, leading engineers to reduce the number of operating science instruments to two. Next year, engineers plan what they call a "Big Bang" switch, turning some instruments off and others on to collect as much science as possible with the remaining power. The Voyagers are still sending information from deep space.

Leo is high in the southern evening sky this month. The constellation is easier to find if you look for its shape: a backward question mark at the front and a triangle at the back. Regulus, Leo's brightest star, marks the lower part of the question mark.

On May 22, the first quarter Moon appears near Regulus. Venus also helps point the way to two star clusters this month: NGC 1746 on May 8 and M35 on May 22.

# Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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## TOWN MEETINGS

### Tuesday, May 12

- Pension Committee  
11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room
- Fire Commission  
5-6 p.m., Town Hall
- WPCA Meeting  
6-7 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room
- Board of Finance  
7-8 p.m., Town Hall
- Zoning Regulation Update Subcommittee  
7-9 p.m., via Zoom

### Wednesday, May 13

Parks and Recreation Commission  
7-8 p.m., Location not posted at time of publication.

### Thursday, May 14

Conservation Commission  
12-2 p.m., Town Hall Board Room

### 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.**

### Watercolor Botanical Painting Workshop

10:30 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
 In this 3-hour session, study a floral painting inspired by Redouté, a master of botanical illustration, using one of his works as a reference to paint and learn from. Perfect for all skill levels -- participants will learn step-by-step how to create a finished painting. Register at [carriagebarn.org/event/watercolor-painting/](https://carriagebarn.org/event/watercolor-painting/).

### 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 [stmarksnewcanaan.org/may-fair/](https://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 [stonc.org/gala/](https://stonc.org/gala/).

### 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](https://tpnc.org) with a 2 for 1 promo code for Sentinel Readers only, all performances: [sentinel.2for1](https://sentinel.2for1).

### Saturday, May 9

#### May Fair

9 AM- 3 PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
 Attend May Fair for midway rides, face painting, Old Faithful Antique Fire Engine rides, and more. More information at [stmarksnewcanaan.org/may-fair/](https://stmarksnewcanaan.org/may-fair/).

#### The New Canaan Farmers Market

10 AM- 2 PM at the Lumber Yard Lot, 244 Elm Street  
 Various local items will be available including specialty food, fresh meat, produce, honey, eggs, and soap. More information is available at [newcanaanfarmersmarket.net](https://newcanaanfarmersmarket.net).

### Mom & Daughter Calligraphy Card Making Workshop

4 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
 Celebrate Mother's Day with a special two-hour calligraphy and card-making workshop designed for all generations to enjoy together. In this relaxed and creative class, participants will create handmade and personalized cards while spending meaningful quality time together. Register at [carriagebarn.org/event/mom-daughter-card-making/](https://carriagebarn.org/event/mom-daughter-card-making/).

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### 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](https://tpnc.org) with a two for one promo code for Sentinel Readers only, all performances: [sentinel.2for1](https://sentinel.2for1).

### 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/20vpY>.

### 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 [newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/](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 [newcanaancares.org/hometour-3/](https://newcanaancares.org/hometour-3/).

### "Acabella" Concert, featuring the "Conn Artists"

6:30 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
 Acabella was founded in 2001 and currently comprises 14 women from the Lower Fairfield County area. The group is named

Acabella, which combines the musical term, a cappella, which means unaccompanied by musical instruments, and bella, the Italian word for beautiful. More information and tickets are available at [carriagebarn.org/event/may-15-acabella-concert/](https://carriagebarn.org/event/may-15-acabella-concert/).

### Saturday, May 16

#### The New Canaan Farmers Market

10 AM- 2 PM at the Lumber Yard Lot, 244 Elm Street  
 Various local items will be available including specialty food, fresh meat, produce, honey, eggs, and soap. More information is available at [newcanaanfarmersmarket.net](https://newcanaanfarmersmarket.net).

### Color Theory: Exploring Color Through Paint

10:30 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center  
 In this workshop, led by artist and instructor Evelyn Harvey, you will analyze and determine the properties of color, explore their relationships, and learn to utilize the color wheel. This class is perfect for both beginners and for artists wanting a brush-up or refresher of color theory. Register at [carriagebarn.org/event/colortheory/](https://carriagebarn.org/event/colortheory/).

### 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 [newcanaanlibrary.org/event/jim%20calhoun%20-163485](https://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/>.

### Sunday, May 17

#### The Strength Collective Grand Opening

12-4 PM at 43 Vitti Street  
 Celebrate the official Grand Opening of The Strength Collective with a full day of free community workouts, wellness experiences, and family-friendly activities. Register at <https://shorturl.at/qSFTS>.

### 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 one, or just love a good story. Register at <https://shorturl.at/6TCCy>.

### 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 [newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/](https://newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/).

### Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinic

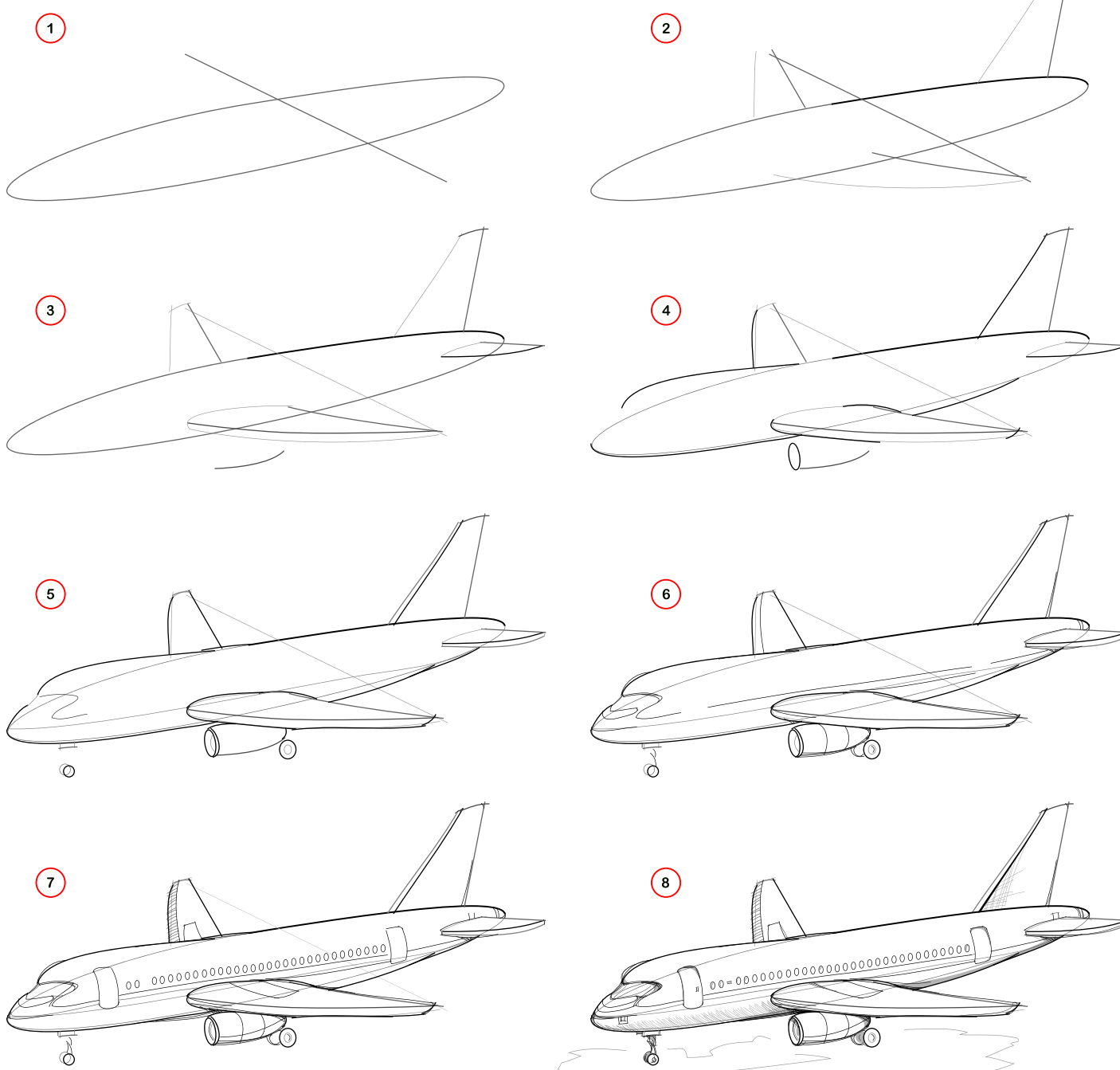
12:30 PM at the Lapham Center  
 Ellen Samai, RN, from New Canaan's Department of Health provides in-person blood sugar and blood pressure testing. Walk-ins welcome. If you plan to have your blood sugar level tested, it is recommend to fast for four hours prior to testing. Free. To register, call (203) 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

## Learn to Draw an Airplane Step by Step



# Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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 [newcanaanlibrary.org/event/douglas-brunt-199486](http://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.

## Saturday, May 23

### The New Canaan Farmers Market

10 AM- 2 PM at the Lumber Yard Lot, 244 Elm Street

Various local items will be available including specialty food, fresh meat, produce, honey, eggs, and soap. More information is available at [newcanaanfarmersmarket.net](http://newcanaanfarmersmarket.net).

## 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 [newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-glass-house-presents-196972](http://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.

## And the World Goes 'Round

7 PM at New Canaan High School

New Canaan High School's award-winning theatre program's final production of the year as it presents 'The World Goes 'Round, a dazzling celebration of the iconic music of John Kander and Fred Ebb. Tickets are available at [newcanaanhighschooltheatre.com](http://newcanaanhighschooltheatre.com).

## Saturday, May 30

### The New Canaan Farmers Market

10 AM- 2 PM at the Lumber Yard Lot, 244 Elm Street

Various local items will be available including specialty food, fresh meat, produce,

honey, eggs, and soap. More information is available at [newcanaanfarmersmarket.net](http://newcanaanfarmersmarket.net).

## Last Saturdays on the Trail | Spring Show and Tell

10 AM at NCLT Headquarters, 1124 Valley Road

Join Robin Bates-Mason and explore the grounds at 1124 Valley Road as they come to life this spring. Check on the growth of the American Chestnut seedlings, see what is emerging in the Barbara Johansen Pollinator Garden, learn more about the renovation progress of the Headquarters. Finally, head into Browne Preserve after taking in the serenity of the Williams Zen Garden. Register at [newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/](http://newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/).

## 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 [theglasshouse.org/whats-on/historic-grainger-house-peony-garden-tour/](http://theglasshouse.org/whats-on/historic-grainger-house-peony-garden-tour/).

## New Canaan Author Sarah G. Pierce | For Human Use

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

Join debut author Sarah G. Pierce to celebrate her new novel, *For Human Use*. It is a twisted tale of modern love that bends every genre, sears itself into your brain, and presents a horrific romantic comedy unlike anything you've ever read before. Sarah will be signing copies of her novel after the event. Register at [newcanaanlibrary.org/event/new-canaan-author-sarah-j-pierce-208303](http://newcanaanlibrary.org/event/new-canaan-author-sarah-j-pierce-208303).

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# 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 [stayingputnc.org/summer-soiree/](http://stayingputnc.org/summer-soiree/).

## Friday, June 5

### NO COFFEE AND CONVERSATION 8:30 AM at the Lapham Center

## Once, a musical

7:30 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre

The touching, lyrical musical tells the story of two down-on-their-luck musicians, an angst-ridden Dublin street singer/songwriter who works as a vacuum repairman, and a Czech immigrant who sells flowers in order to support herself and her family. Tickets are available at [tpnc.org](http://tpnc.org).

## 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. There will be curated food and drinks, a live performance, and a silent auction. Proceeds support the preservation and programming of this Modernist landmark. Tickets are available at [theglasshouse.org/whats-on/the-summer-party-2026/](http://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 [newcanaanlibrary.org/groove-green-disco](http://newcanaanlibrary.org/groove-green-disco).

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## Sunday, June 7

## Once, a musical

2 PM at the Powerhouse Theatre

The touching, lyrical musical tells the story of two down-on-their-luck musicians, an angst-ridden Dublin street singer/songwriter who works as a vacuum repairman, and a Czech immigrant who sells flowers in order to support herself and her family. Tickets are available at [tpnc.org](http://tpnc.org).

## 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.

## Monday, June 15

### The Nature of Gardening at the New York Botanical Garden

7 PM at New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium

Todd Forrest, Head of Horticulture at NYBG will discuss the ongoing transformation of the Garden and provide insight into how thoughtfully designing, planting, and tending great gardens might be our most effective approach to repairing the damage we have done to nature. Register at <https://shorturl.at/tbZYm>.

## Friday, June 19

### "Hearts of Freedom" | Juneteenth Community Celebration

3-7 PM at Waveny House Lawn

S.T.A.R. is proud to host their 5th annual Juneteenth Celebration as a part of New Canaan's America250 commemoration, honoring both our nation's independence and the long journey from slavery to freedom. There will be live music, children's activities, food trucks, and more. RSVP at [star-ct.org/juneteenth](http://star-ct.org/juneteenth).

## Tuesday, June 23

### Stars, Stripes & Horses

5 PM at New Canaan Mounted Troop, 22 Carter St

Join to celebrate the Spirit of America with a patriotic horse-themed afternoon. Experience a riding exhibition, flag themed crafts, and a grooming demonstration. Register at <https://forms.gle/B69sXXX36SDAebec8>.

## Thursday, June 25

### 2026 Annual Firefly Party ~ Fireflies take Flight!

8-10 PM at Colhoun Preserve

Join the New Canaan Land Trust for drinks, desserts, and a night under the glowing light of the fireflies. Tickets are available at [newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/](http://newcanaanlandtrust.org/events/).

## 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. Patriotically decorated floats and bicycles, colonial attired local groups, vintage cars, marching bands, and fife & drum will be in the parade.

# BLOOD DRIVES

## Wednesday, May 13

Italian Center

1620 Newfield Ave

Stamford, CT 06905

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## Thursday, May 14

Triangle Community Center

650 West Ave

Norwalk, CT 06850

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## Masonic Lodge DARIEN

354 Post Road

Darien, CT 06820

11:15 AM - 4:15 PM

## Green's Farms Church

71 Hillandale Rd

Westport, CT 06880

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

# Support Services & Meetings

## 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>.

## Wednesday, June 3

### 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/t2bWL>.

## 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

## 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 [dvccct.org/voices-of-courage/](http://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/event/brad-mehldau-trio-ridgefield-ct-2026/](http://ridgefieldplayhouse.org/event/brad-mehldau-trio-ridgefield-ct-2026/).

## Sunday, May 17

### Sphere Presents the Lion King

4 PM at the Ridgefield Playhouse

SPHERE's performance of Disney's The Lion King is a powerful and vibrant retelling of the classic story, brought to life through breathtaking masks, puppets, and costumes set against the African Pride Lands. Lobby viewing tickets are available at [ridgefieldplayhouse.org/event/sphere-presents-the-lion-king/](http://ridgefieldplayhouse.org/event/sphere-presents-the-lion-king/).

# Sudoku for Kids

3			
		2	
4	1		2
2		4	1

	2		
1	3	2	
		1	
2		4	3

	2		
3	4	1	
2			4
		2	1

3			
1	2	3	
2		4	
		2	3

## SUDOKU

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

### Easy

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

### Hard

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

### Very Hard

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

### Easy

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

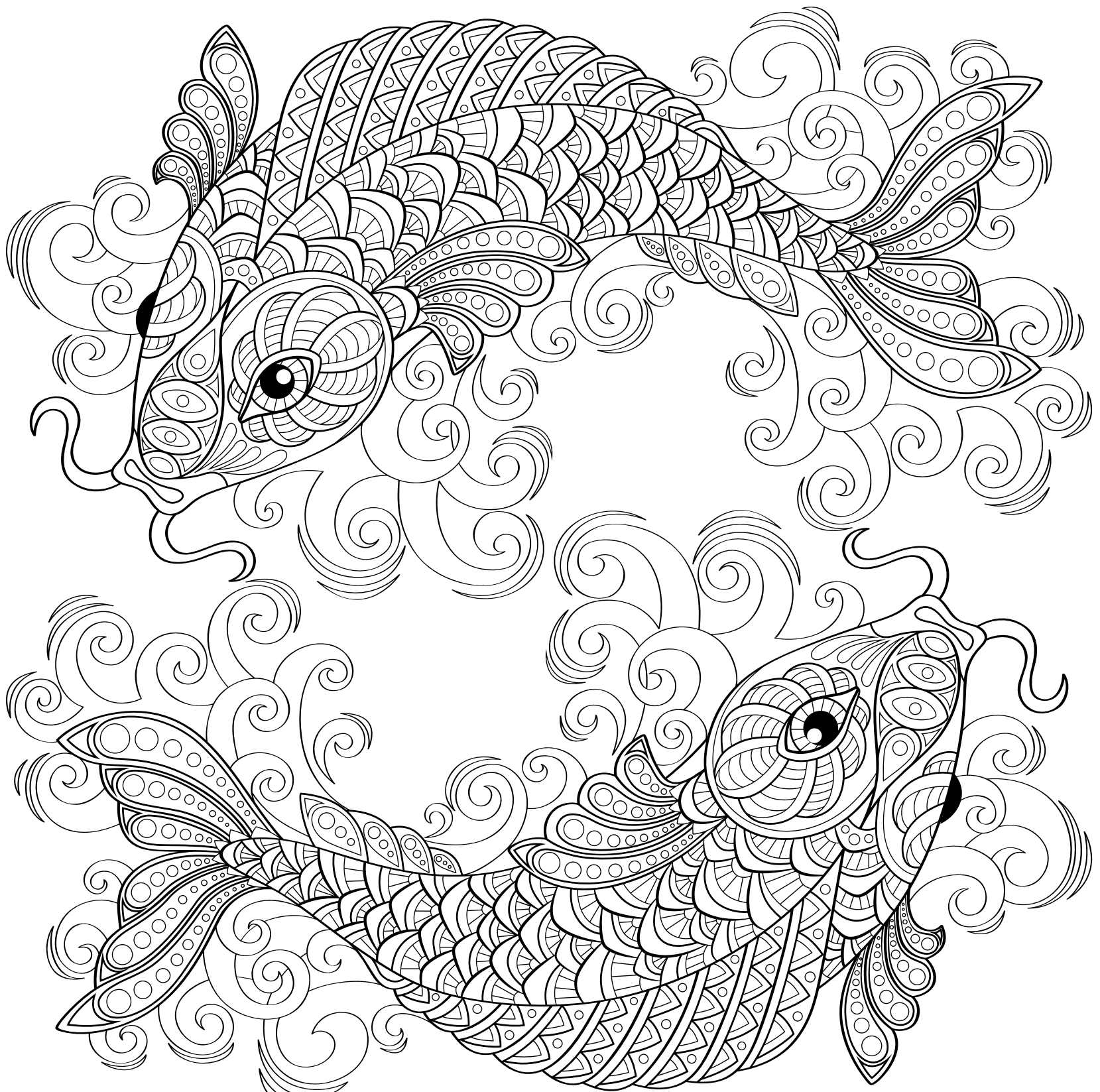
### Hard

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

### Very Hard

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

Coloring a mandala encourages focus, slower breathing, and reduced stress. Its repeated shapes give the mind a structured, calming task, which may quiet anxious thoughts. Choosing colors also creates a sense of control and expression, helping people relax without needing words.



### Sudoku answers

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

Bottom row - Very Hard

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

Bottom row - Hard

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

Bottom row - Easy

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

Top row - Very Hard

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

Top row - Hard

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

Top row - Easy

### Universal Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Place for a cuddly pet
- 4 Remedy
- 8 Reactions to a sick burn
- 12 Agents' aliases
- 14 Mountaineer's tool
- 16 Winter coat?
- 17 Windowsill, for example
- 18 Psychic's "gift"
- 19 1989 Madonna hit that incorporates gospel music
- 21 Greek cheese
- 23 Soup container
- 24 \_\_\_ Faire (place to indulge in mead and turkey legs)
- 25 Shop around, so to speak
- 31 Watch in disbelief
- 34 Measure of people skills
- 35 Tiny messenger
- 36 "Trust your \_\_\_"
- 38 Sardine container
- 39 Had brunch
- 40 Like FM radio, typically
- 43 Opened, as a banana
- 45 Madonna song whose title became her nickname
- 47 Midriff muscles
- 48 Dash partner

- 49 Word before or after "break"
  - 53 Announcement on the runway?
  - 58 Knight's title
  - 59 Inventor of the code suggested by 48-Across
  - 60 Liquid in some risotto recipes
  - 62 Happen
  - 63 "A little old place where we can get together," in a song
  - 64 Snakes that symbolized royalty in ancient Egyptian culture
  - 65 Observes
  - 66 10 divided by 10
- DOWN**
- 1 Word before "ball" or "change"
  - 2 Change
  - 3 Each
  - 4 Parody picture provider
  - 5 "Sure, I guess ..."
  - 6 Holds a grudge against
  - 7 "\_\_\_ bien"
  - 8 One who treats crude stuff
  - 9 New Zealand's region
  - 10 Actress and inventor

- 11 Shade of green
- 12 One who takes whisks?
- 13 Org. where Titans face off against Giants
- 15 Member of the MTV generation, perhaps
- 20 Brings about
- 22 Tailless primate
- 26 Light, bubbly brews
- 27 Steamy or dreamy
- 28 Israeli airline
- 29 Lo-cal
- 30 Kicked out of a game: Abbr.
- 31 Somber
- 32 Designer Sui who said, "... if it doesn't reflect the times, it's not fashion"
- 33 Kind of tense?
- 37 Fresh gossip

- 41 Bands together
- 42 Something comfortably familiar
- 44 Keebler cookie creator
- 46 Start the show
- 50 Thai or Tibetan
- 51 Because
- 52 "Star \_\_\_" (film franchise with John Cho)
- 53 "if ur asking me ..."
- 54 South American cash crop
- 55 Rainbows, e.g.
- 56 Birds that symbolize foolishness in Pakistani culture
- 57 "Absolutely!"
- 61 Question of identity

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER**

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**HOROSCOPE: MAY 7 - MAY 13, 2026**

Taurus season continues to emphasize patience, persistence, and practical progress, but this week there is a subtle shift toward decision-making. You may find that situations which have been developing slowly now require a firm choice. The planets favor common sense over impulse and reward those who take a steady, measured approach. What you commit to now has the potential to bring long-term rewards.

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 19)**

You may be tempted to push ahead quickly, but a slower pace will work in your favor. Take time to consider your options, especially where money or commitments are concerned. A careful decision now prevents regret later.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20)**

You are in a strong position this week, but don't feel you have to prove it. Others will recognize your value without you needing to push the point. Quiet confidence will take you further than bold statements.

**GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)**

Something you have been unsure about begins to make sense. Don't rush to share your conclusions just yet—give them time to settle. What you discover now could change your plans in a useful way.

**CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)**

Friends and colleagues may expect more from you than usual. Choose your commitments wisely and avoid spreading yourself too thin. Your time and energy are valuable—use them carefully.

**LEO (JULY 23 - AUGUST 22)**

A situation at work may require you to take a clear stand. Don't let others pressure you into a decision you're not comfortable with. When you act with integrity, the right outcome follows.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22)**

You may be asked to consider a different point of view. Keep an open mind, even if it challenges your usual thinking. A new perspective could lead to a better solution.

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22)**

Financial or shared matters deserve attention. If something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and look deeper. Careful review now helps you avoid unnecessary complications.

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21)**

Relationships take center stage. Someone close may question your approach, but that doesn't mean conflict is inevitable. A calm, honest discussion brings clarity.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21)**

Your daily routine may need adjustment. Instead of trying to do everything at once, focus on what truly matters. Simplifying your schedule will make you more effective.

**CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 22 - JAN 19)**

You may feel drawn toward something creative or personal. Don't dismiss it as a distraction—there could be real value in pursuing it. Enjoyment and progress are not mutually exclusive.

**AQUARIUS (JAN 20 - FEBRUARY 18)**

Home and family matters may require practical attention. Stay calm and deal with issues one step at a time. A steady approach will bring the situation back under control.

**PISCES (FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20)**

Communication is key this week. If something has been left unsaid, now is the time to address it clearly. Simple, direct words will be more effective than trying to soften the message too much.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Progress comes not from rushing ahead, but from choosing your direction with care.

## Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids

Created by Timothy E. Parker

**ACROSS**

- 1. (K) Raised, like dogs or racehorses
- 5. (K) Is droopy
- 9. (K) Borderline for a skirt
- 12. Strauss of jeans fame
- 13. (K) Home of Moab State Park
- 14. (K) "When \_\_\_ the birds coming back?"
- 15. Dedictory poems
- 16. (K) Thing spent in Mexico
- 17. (K) Moral error
- 18. Agree
- 20. Engraves
- 22. (K) Value of a buck
- 23. (K) Body relaxation place
- 24. (K) Did this step before chewing
- 27. Little rascal
- 29. Take weapons from

- 33. The opening day pitcher
- 34. (K) Far away from "most"
- 36. Caustic cleaning agent
- 37. Gossipy meddler
- 39. (K) Squirrel's dinner
- 40. Permit
- 41. (K) "\_\_\_ Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"
- 43. (K) Prepared
- 45. (K) Jupiter or Uranus
- 48. (K) On time
- 52. It totals 1 billion years
- 53. (K) What a judge wears
- 55. (K) \_\_\_ fruit cup (brand name)
- 56. (K) Play-Doh sculpture, e.g.
- 57. Cut from the same cloth
- 58. (K) Completed, as a film
- 59. (K) Prop on a golf course

- 60. (K) Borrow? No, be generous
  - 61. Sewer's joiner
- DOWN**
- 1. Group of like-minded voters
  - 2. (K) Attempt again
  - 3. (K) Like 7,532 or 914
  - 4. Music to do the hustle to
  - 5. Greatest, in status
  - 6. (K) Had macaroni with anchovies
  - 7. (K) Hydrogen and helium
  - 8. Field athlete
  - 9. (K) Browns at McDonald's?
  - 10. (K) Famous New York canal
  - 11. (K) \_\_\_ restroom
  - 19. Lopsided, as a deal
  - 21. (K) Pepsi holder
  - 24. (K) Biscayne or San Francisco

- 25. (K) Your Pepsi may be served with this
- 26. (K) Decade years
- 28. (K) Frying vessel
- 30. (K) Every
- 31. (K) Bread type
- 32. (K) Ran into
- 35. Discontinue, for now
- 38. (K) 21-Down material, sometimes
- 42. Stir up the fire in the fireplace
- 44. Disorderly outbursts
- 45. Gardening moss
- 46. Knowledge learned through tradition
- 47. Initial poker payment
- 49. (K) Chess player's action
- 50. "Not guilty," for some
- 51. Time spent in an office?
- 54. (K) Recycling container

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

Goes south midway?

Look for the answer in next week's paper.

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER**

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Previous riddle answer:

Name a drum you can't beat?  
42-D) EAR

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## 7 LITTLE WORDS

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

**CLUES**

- 1 bedlam (5)
- 2 route that saves time (8)
- 3 teaching (11)
- 4 formally declares (9)
- 5 math student's tool (10)
- 6 farming instrument (4)
- 7 growing more intense (10)

**SOLUTIONS**

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Previous Answers: 1. NOTONE 2. MARSHMALLOW 3. MILLER 4. COMPLICATE 5. LABORING 6. INSEAM 7. ATHLETES 8/16

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

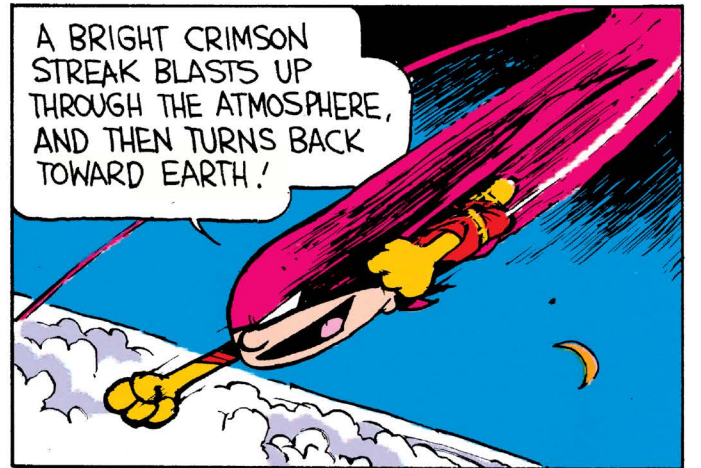
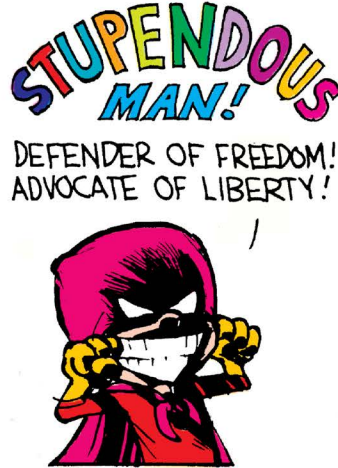
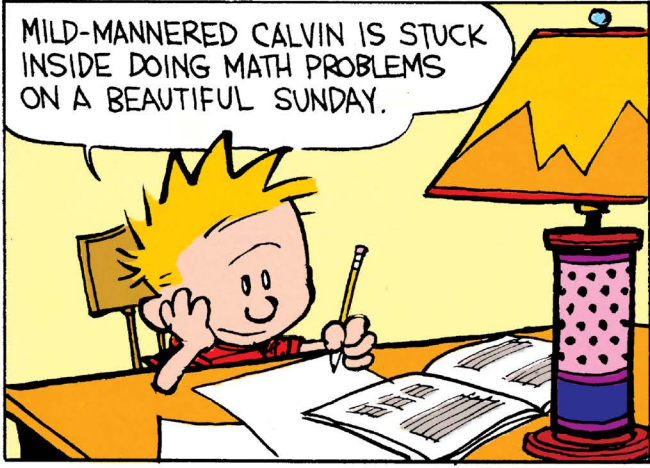
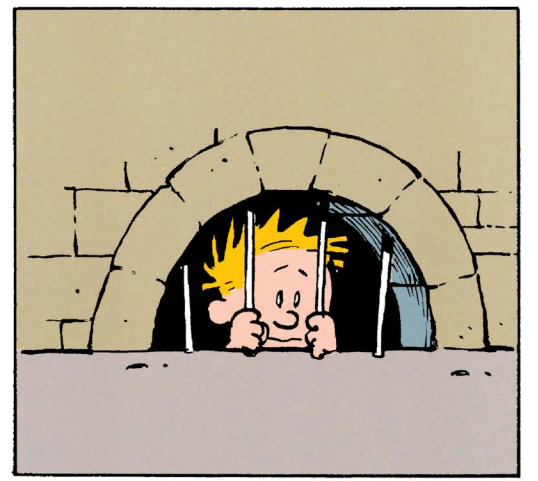
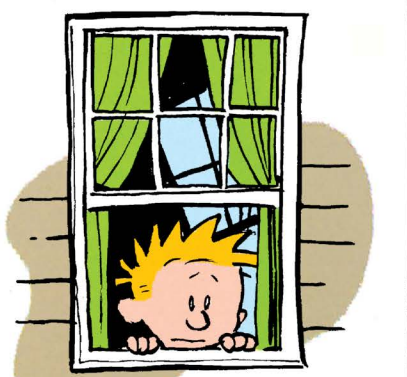
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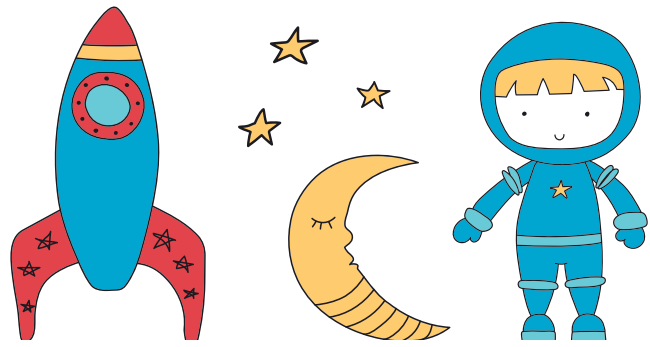
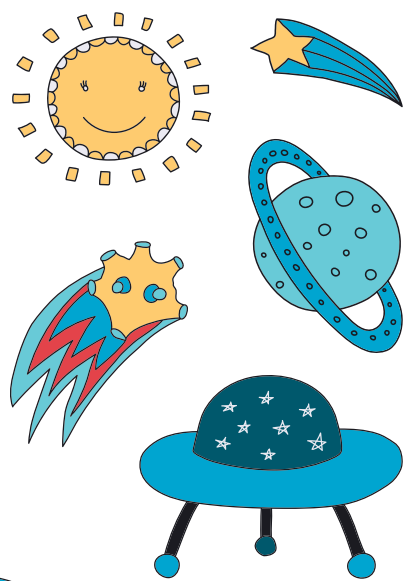
# Calvin and Hobbes

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## SPACE WORD SEARCH

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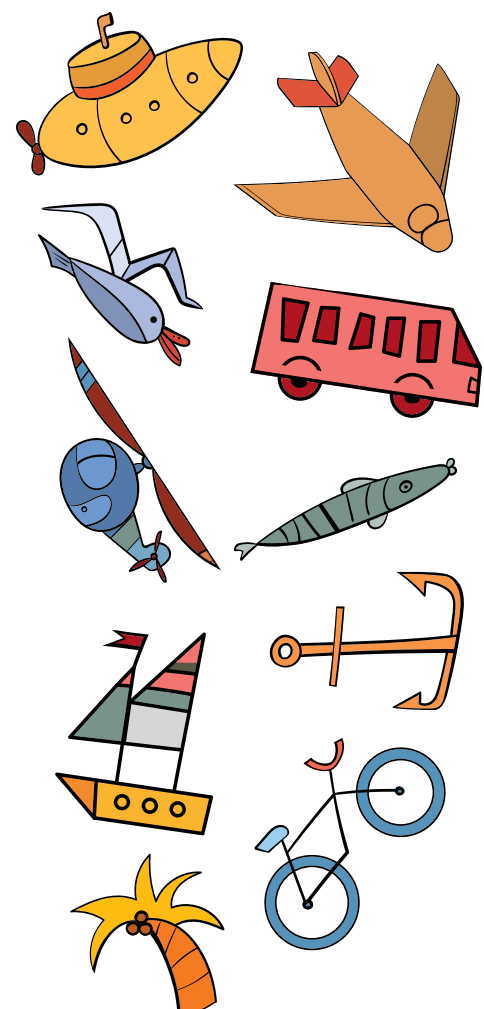


## Crossword

Aircraft Transportations

1. SPACESHIP 2. BALLOON 3. BIPLANE  
 4. JET FIGHTER 5. PLANE 6. HELICOPTER  
 7. ROCKET 8. PARACHUTE 9. UFO

## FIND 10 HIDDEN OBJECTS IN THE PICTURE



A car went bouncing down the road,  
 With ten odd treasures in its load.  
 A boat, a bike, a fish, a kite,  
 A sneaky ship tucked out of sight.

A submarine? A plane? Oh my!  
 They tumbled, jumbled toward the sky.  
 The children laughed, the dog barked "Go!"  
 As hidden wonders rocked to and fro.

So search the pile, look left, look right—  
 Ten secret things are packed in tight!