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NEW CANAAN FORECAST

May 15-17, 2026

Friday, May 15
Variably cloudy with a couple of showers
High: 63°F | Low: 51°F

Saturday, May 16
Mostly sunny and pleasant
High: 75°F | Low: 60°F

Sunday, May 17
Partly sunny
High: 80°F | Low: 59°F

Weather Detail

Friday, May 15
High near 62°F, low around 52°F. Friday will be somewhat unsettled, with variable clouds and a shower possible in the area. It will stay on the cool side for mid-May, so keep a light jacket and umbrella nearby.

Saturday, May 16
High near 75°F, low around 62°F. Saturday looks like the best kind of spring day: mostly sunny, pleasant and comfortable. It should feel much warmer than Friday, with good conditions for being outside.

Sunday, May 17
High near 82°F, low around 60°F. Sunday turns very warm, with partly sunny skies through the day. It will feel more like early summer than spring, especially by the afternoon.

FROM TOWN HALL

New Canaan Announces Memorial Day Parade

New Canaan's annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony will take place May 25 beginning at 9:30 a.m., with the parade route running from St. Mark's Church to Lakeview Cemetery. The ceremony will include remarks by Afghanistan veteran Daniel Hogan and a prayer led by Kelly Leather Antonson of The Congregational Church. Main Street parking will be restricted beginning at 8 a.m., and in the event of heavy rain, the ceremony will move indoors to Town Hall at 10 a.m. with limited seating.

AROUND TOWN

New Canaan Advances Road Improvements

New Canaan officials approved \$2.5 million to repave 15 roads and an additional \$459,424 for crack sealing and roadway maintenance as part of the town's Local Roads project. FGB Construction will complete the paving work after extending its contract at 2025 pricing levels, while Indus Seal Coating will begin preventative maintenance work in July on several additional roads. Pine Street, the final roadway under the town's previous 22-year resurfacing plan, will be completed before crews move to the new list of roads scheduled for improvement.

Route 106 Repairs Progress In New Canaan

A section of Route 106, also known as Old Stamford Road, in New Canaan remains closed between Weed Street and Lapham Road following a water main break. The Connecticut Department of Transportation reported the closure shortly after 3 a.m. Wednesday. Road repairs are expected to continue through most of Thursday, May 15.

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Keeping New Canaan More Beautiful



The wonderful volunteers with the New Canaan Beautification League have been hard at work around town keeping New Canaan colorful and bright. Here several volunteers were working on the planters at Town Hall, with First Selectman Dionna Carlson cheering them on. See more of their good work on the front page of the second section.

BY JOHN KRIZ

If any event says 'New Canaan Community' it's May Fair.

Always held on Mother's Day weekend, this family-friendly event, now in its 77th year, brings thousands of people from near and far to New Canaan to enjoy midway games, rides, food and the famous White Elephant Sale of gently used items.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church organizes May Fair, which is held on its Great Lawn. Perhaps it's more accurate to say that St. Mark's is the Master of Ceremonies.

Rev. Peter Walsh, St. Mark's rector, notes that around 500 volunteers -- both parishioners and others -- work together for months to plan and run May Fair. "There is something about working together towards something that has no other meaning than to have so much fun," he says.

"If there was ever an event that was all good, this is all good," Rev. Walsh continues, calling May Fair a "Festival of Joy." Funds raised at May Fair support the church's ministries and various local charities.

Festival of Joy



The Ferris wheel was a popular choice at May Fair. See more photos on page 3

May Fair also receives much assistance from New Canaan Police, New Canaan EMS and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), among others.

In addition to the usual Fair events, there

is a dog show, and a Calm & Care Kids' Respite Area, where children (and adults) who might be a bit overwhelmed or overstimulated -- or just need a moment of rest -- can find it.

Affordable Housing Workshop May 19

New Canaan's Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) encourages all interested residents to attend a public workshop on May 19 at 7pm at Lapham Community Center. The workshop will focus on possible future sites for Town-developed Affordable Housing.

Formed in 2023, the bipartisan AHC was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and tasked with a specific mission: to research and recommend paths for New Canaan to control its own affordable housing destiny and not risk ceding that power to developers and the state. The way to obtain and maintain that control is to keep New Canaan in moratoria (pauses granted under Connecticut Statute 8-30g), which are earned when a town proves it is building or converting enough Affordable Housing on

its own to eliminate the need for state or developer intervention.

The recent public debates over proposed projects at Weed & Elm and Hill Street have brought attention to issues surrounding Connecticut Statute 8-30g and the need for New Canaan residents and their elected leaders to plan for a future that protects local control of housing.

Workshop: At the May 19 workshop, the AHC will present possible development options, followed by small-group discussions of the scenarios during which residents will be encouraged to provide feedback on the pros and cons of each. Please plan to attend!

Next Steps: Can't make the public workshop? An online community survey will follow the workshop so all residents can weigh in.

After compiling and analyzing the results, the AHC will make a recommendation to the Board of Selectman based on the Committee's work and public preferences.

Affordable Housing, as legally defined by Statute 8-30g, is a complex subject! Please see our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at <https://www.newcanaan.info/government/committees/faqs.php> to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges.

For more information about the AHC's work and past and future meetings, go

to https://www.newcanaan.info/government/committees/affordable_housing.php

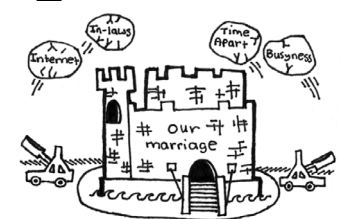
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The Marriage Castle

BY JILL S. WOOLWORTH, LMFT

We build our invisible marriage castle together on a patch of bare ground beginning on our wedding day. The building blocks are the traditions from our childhood, our behaviors, our routines, and the people we decide to welcome inside. It's important to talk about people and behaviors that we don't want in our castle, too.

Our relationships need to be defended and protected against invasion. The old images of marriage as a garden or a safe haven aren't strong enough. Demanding work schedules, the Internet, in-laws, and extended time apart are just a few of the challenges that are lobbed regularly into our castles. We need strong drawbridges to close the door



Illustrated by Wajih Chaudhry

for family time. We need to stock the moat with piranha to protect against unwelcome guests.

Everett and Priya both grew up in difficult families. They were afraid of committing to a long-term relationship. Designing their castle helped them intentionally build walls against yelling and excessive alcohol use that had hurt them as children. They included things that they wished they'd had as kids such as family dinners and community service projects.

COLUMN

Gray May

Why Connecticut Must Act for Children with Brain Cancer

BY MAIREAD FINN

May is Brain Cancer Awareness Month. It is also known as "Gray May," because gray is the color of the brain tumor awareness ribbon. For many people in Greenwich, May means spring flowers, Sacred Heart Greenwich graduation on the great lawn overlooking the Sound, sports award nights, and the promise of summer.

For families like mine, May carries something deeper. It is a month of remembrance, grief, advocacy, and urgency. It is a month when we remember the children stolen by brain cancer,

and when we recommit ourselves to fighting for the children who will be diagnosed next.

Sadly, there will be more. In 2026, an estimated 4,975 new cases of primary brain tumors will be diagnosed in children and adolescents in the United States. Brain and central nervous system tumors remain one of the most devastating diagnoses in childhood and are a leading cause of cancer-related death among children and adolescents.

Brain and central nervous system tumors are the second



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HELP NEEDED

VFW Post 653 seeks volunteers to place flags on veterans' graves at Lakeview Cemetery in New Canaan on **Saturday, May 16, from 8 to 10 a.m.** Participants should meet in Section M, the lower Veterans' section, after entering from Main Street. Refreshments will be served. Memorial poppies will be available May 16-17 and Memorial Day weekend at local businesses for donations supporting flags and wreaths. Call Commander Mike McGlenn at 203-962-1302.

Honoring Veterans at America's 250th

The Fairfield Captain Who Carried the War on His Shoulders

BY ELIZABETH BARHYDT

This is the fourth article in a 10-part series leading to July 4, 2026, when the United States marks its 250th anniversary.

This week's article moves to World War II and to Fairfield's Michael Joseph Daly, whose Medal of Honor citation reads like the compressed record of an entire battlefield.

Daly's public record is preserved in citations, Army

history, biographies and photographs. His private record remains with the family members who knew him as Uncle Michael.

Local Meg Drake, writing with affection and gratitude, described Daly as "our beloved Uncle and dearest friend of our father, Philip Drake." She wrote that she and her sister, Anne Drake, adored him, remain close to

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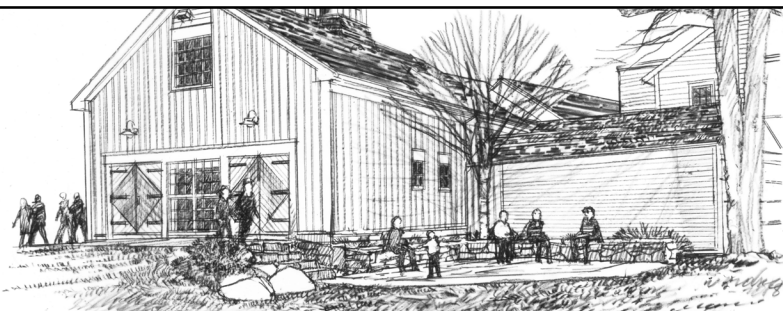
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New Canaan Historical Society

Eat This, Drink That: Cinco de Mayo Recipes, Wines, and a Few Thoughts in Between

By Carl Francos

Yes, I'm late to the party. Cinco de Mayo came and went and I did not get this article done before May 5th, so let's just call this Catorce de Mayo. I'm not worried anyone will mind, because Cinco de Mayo means tacos and tequila, and they're welcome any day of the year. I can't quite recall when this holiday became such a big event, but it was definitely not around when I grew up. Tacos back then came in a little kit, with some canned salsa, a spice packet and a dozen stale taco shells, and we thought it was fabulous.

Thankfully, tacos have come a long way from those boxed kits. To (somewhat) paraphrase what Gold Hat said to Humphrey Bogart in *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*: "we don't need no stinking taco kits". Today not only are there are plenty of taco choices, but we have learned that there is so much more to Mexican cuisine. There are the taco classics: al pastor, carne asada, carnitas. Sharing space with them are the regional favorites: Baja fish tacos, chicken tinga, and birria tacos. Then there are the modern curveballs: shrimp tacos, vegan tacos, even dessert tacos if you're feeling rebellious. This is all without wandering into the extended family such as quesadillas, taquitos, empanadas and tamales. So where does this grand taco evolution lead us in the spirit world? Naturally, and perhaps inevitably: tequila.

The Confession

I don't know that much about Tequila; wine is my home base. For me, wine whispers the tales of its region, grapes and the journey it takes from vineyard to bottle. Tequila, however, does not whisper. Unlike wine's gentle murmur, tequila is that boisterous friend who invades your personal space and speaks at unnecessary loud volumes. Tequila is all at once magical, potent and leads you down unpredictable paths until you find yourself holding up a numbered plaque with height markings on the wall behind you. Tequila has me shouting comments to Wheel of Fortune contestants which makes for an awkward confessional visit the following Saturday. But mostly tequila finds me waking up on the couch post-midnight where Netflix is mocking me by asking "are you still watching?" when it very well knows the answer. Given these effects, I limit my tequila indulgences. So now that my tequila tolerance is out of the way, let's learn some facts.

All Roads lead to Agave

Tequila begins with the agave plant, a spiky desert succulent native to Mexico. While there are many agave species, true tequila can only be made from blue agave, grown primarily in the state of Jalisco and a few surrounding regions. Farmers,



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harvest the plant by cutting away its sharp leaves to reveal the heart, or "piña." These piñas are cooked to convert their natural starches into fermentable sugars, then crushed to extract juice, fermented with yeast, and distilled (usually twice) to produce tequila.

Once distilled, tequila is categorized by how long it's aged. Blanco (or silver) is usually unaged or rested briefly, delivering bright, peppery agave flavors. Reposado is aged in lightly charred oak barrels for about two months to a year, softening the spirit with hints of vanilla and spice. Añejo is aged from one to three years (also in lightly charred oak barrels), developing richer notes of caramel, oak, and dried fruit. Extra añejo (aged even

longer) can often resemble fine whiskey. Each style offers a different expression of the same core ingredient, making tequila as versatile in cocktails as it is for sipping neat.

Mezcal - The Evil Twin?

"Then what is mezcal?" you ask. Tequila and mezcal are close relatives, but they're not quite the same thing. Tequila is made specifically from blue Weber agave and is typically produced using more controlled, industrial-style processes, which gives it a cleaner, brighter flavor profile with citrusy, peppery notes. Mezcal, on the other hand, can be made from many different types of agave and is traditionally roasted in underground pits, giving it that signature smoky,

earthy depth. Both spirits are deeply tied to Mexican culture, but tequila tends to be more regulated and geographically restricted. If you're thinking about them socially, they're like fraternal twins (more so than identical). Both are agave spirits from Mexico, but mezcal is the wild, brassy twin with a more rustic personality, while tequila is the smoother, more polished twin more likely to follow the rules of etiquette at a fiesta.

The Early Pájaro Gets The Worm

While the worm is long gone from the tequila bottle, the good news is that tequila selection has grown and improved significantly over the past several years. The most popular choices these days are "non-additive" tequilas. Under current

regulations, producers are allowed to add up to 1% of certain substances, such as caramel coloring or oak extract, to influence color and flavor.

Non-additive tequilas, by contrast, are aged naturally in barrels and contain no artificial coloring or flavoring. Is this a deciding factor when choosing a tequila? For most people, not necessarily, but it does make for a nice option when selecting a tequila.

So, what tequilas would I suggest? Here are a few to consider for your bar:

Blanco - Espolón Blanco Tequila, LALO Tequila Blanco, Curamia Blanco Tequila

Reposado - Casa Noble Reposado Tequila, Herradura Reposado Tequila, Casa Dragones Reposado Tequila

Añejo - Siete Leguas Añejo Tequila, Hermosa Añejo Tequila, La Pugla Añejo Tequila

And if you're in the market for **something special**, the tequilas below—whether extra añejos, carefully crafted añejos, or premium blended aged expressions—are worth considering: Volcán de Mi Tierra XA Tequila, Don Julio 1942 Tequila, and Marqués de Casa Noble Tequila.

Mixing it up

Lastly, let me just talk briefly about mixes. While there are plenty of tequila cocktails such as Ranch Water, Paloma and Mexican Mule, by far the most popular is a Margarita. While I applaud those who take the time to squeeze fresh limes, there are a few good mixes on the market. I will mention the two that we carry.

Dirty Pelican - These mixes come in a variety of flavors, most notably, Jalapeno Margarita, Skinny Margarita and Mango Passionfruit Margarita. These mixes are all natural, low in sugar (7 to 9 grams depending on the flavor), and low in calories and are worth checking out.

RIPE Bar Juice Agave Margarita - This mix delivers a fresh, craft cocktail experience with just four simple ingredients, limes, oranges, organic agave nectar, and pure filtered water and designed for consistently delicious margaritas and the next best thing to squeezing your own limes.

My final note on this topic is much like my advice when buying wine: If you're wandering into unfamiliar territory, ask for help. That's the advantage of shopping with a reputable store as they, like us here at Francos, are always happy to guide you. What Francos cannot do, however, is account for the pile of Amazon packages that mysteriously appear on your doorstep the following morning after tequila takes the wheel.

Carl Francos is the proprietor of Francos Wine Merchants.



An assortment of extra añejos, carefully crafted añejos, and premium blended aged expressions



Mixers (L to R): Dirty Pelican Mango Passionfruit Margarita; RIPE Bar Juice Agave Margarita; and Dirty Pelican Jalapeno Margarita.

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May Fair is a Festival of Joy in New Canaan



A volunteer decided she needed some of May Fair's signature strawberry shortcake



It was tough for families to decide which of the many rides to choose. Most chose them all.



New Canaan Police were on hand, not only supporting safety, but also playing interactive games with children



Old Faithful -- a classic fire truck -- was out and about during May Fair, providing rides for children old and young



Planet New Canaan volunteers were on hand to demonstrate the importance of separating trash into real trash for a landfill, redeemables and compostables. May Fair's cutlery, plates and bowls at the food tents were all compostable



One of the many attractions at May Fair. Rock on!



The 'Holy Smokers' were consistently busy, providing pulled pork sandwiches and other food to the large and hungry crowd



What's a church fair without a band- On Saturday the New Canaan Town Band played numerous songs for the large crowd



The Midway started to fill up fast when May Fair opened, with lots of family games



The wonderful volunteers with New Canaan's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) were out in force at May Fair, supporting first responders and public safety

NEWS BRIEFS From Page 1

New Canaan Plans Sidewalk Improvements

New Canaan plans to upgrade sidewalks along Park Street through a project funded by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program. The work includes constructing a new sidewalk on the west side of Park Street between Seminary Street and Saint John Place and upgrading existing sidewalks from Old Stamford Road to Richmond Hill Road. Construction is expected to begin in 2027, and no trees are expected to be impacted.

New Canaan Line Upgrades Advance

Metro-North will replace all New Canaan Line trains with buses on weekends beginning May 15, as well as May 29 and June 5, due to Connecticut Department of Transportation work at the Stamford rail yard. On affected Fridays, the last train from New Canaan and the final three trains from Stamford will also operate by bus, with connections available to New Haven Line service at Stamford. Riders are advised that some buses may depart up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled train times, and Memorial Day weekend service from May 22-25 will follow a Sunday schedule.

LOCAL BUSINESSES & NON PROFITS

New Canaan Garden Club Gives Back



Members of the New Canaan Garden Club created more than 70 spring flower arrangements that were delivered to Meals on Wheels clients and residents of the New Canaan Inn ahead of Mother's Day. The deliveries took place as part of the club's community outreach efforts. Photo credit: New Canaan Garden Club

New Canaan Gardeners Earn Top Honors



Several members of the New Canaan Garden Club received awards in Botanical Arts and Horticulture at this weekend's Fairfield Garden Club Flower Show. Honorees included Nancy Kalal, Mariko LeBaron, Kajsa Sheibley and Anda Hutchins. Their entries were recognized across multiple competitive categories. Photo credit: New Canaan Garden Club

THE ENVIRONMENT

Planet New Canaan Launches Compost Kits



Beginning May 15, Planet New Canaan will sell its Zero Waste Kitchen Kit through its

online shop to support household food scrap recycling efforts. The organization said Chubby's Hardware owners Joe DiPietro and Stefanie Kuczo helped source the food-safe buckets at a reduced cost. The kits will be available through the link in Planet New Canaan's bio and at planetnewcanaan.org Photo credit: Planet New Canaan

Connecticut Gardens Prepare for Worm Surge

Asian jumping worms, an invasive species that damages soil by consuming organic material, are being reported in higher numbers across Connecticut this spring, including in New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, and Ridgefield. State data shows reports increased from 44 in 2020 to 193 in 2023, and researchers say early hatching this year was likely caused by a mild winter and warm March temperatures. Officials recommend avoiding the movement of soil and plants from infested areas and inspecting mulch, compost, and garden materials to help limit the spread.

Northeast Tree Pollen Season Peaks

Tree pollen levels are rising across the Northeast, with oak, maple, and birch driving high allergy counts as warmer and windier weather increases airborne pollen. Forecasts for New York City showed tree pollen significantly higher than grass and weed pollen, with elevated levels expected to continue through the workweek. Tree pollen is expected to remain the primary allergen through May before grass pollen becomes more prominent in June and July.

El Niño Pattern May Influence Weather

NOAA forecasts that El Niño will likely develop between May and July and continue through the end of 2026, with some chance of becoming a strong event. The pattern typically has a greater effect on U.S. weather during fall and winter, when it can shift jet stream patterns and storm tracks. Connecticut may still experience periods of heat, humidity, and thunderstorms this summer, though El Niño does not consistently produce a direct summer weather pattern in the state.

SCHOOLS

Ram Jam Draws Record Community Support

Ram Jam 2026 took place March 27 at Saxe Middle School, where New Canaan High School seniors performed skits and walked the runway to raise money for the Senior Post Prom Afterparty. The event raised a record \$15,000 in ticket sales and featured performances including Trolls, Team Beach, Collab 2.0, and Miracle on Ice. Weeks of rehearsals and student participation contributed to the annual fundraiser's turnout and production.

St. Luke's Seniors Present Scholarship Research



St. Luke's School seniors presented research projects at the annual Scholars Symposium on May 15, showcasing work completed in Global, Literary, and STEM tracks. The symposium featured yearlong research on topics selected by students as part of the school's highest level of academic study. Family members, faculty, and friends attended the event ahead of the students' graduation later this month. Photo credit: St. Luke's School

NCCS Students Showcase Musical Growth

New Canaan Country School's third and fourth grade chorus students will perform a seasonal concert May 15 under the direction of Lindy Bourque. The program will feature group vocal performances incorporating rhythm and movement, including coordinated percussion gestures and scarf choreography. The concert is part of the school's Lower School music curriculum, which introduces students to vocal and instrumental instruction through regular ensemble performance opportunities.

St. Luke's Student Earns French Honor



St. Luke's School student Bhavya Somaya '26 received the Outstanding Senior in French Award from the American Association of Teachers of French. He was one of six students in Connecticut recognized for achievement in French studies, academic performance, and participation in activities related to French language and culture. Photo credit: St. Luke's School

New Canaan Students Promote E-Bike Safety



New Canaan schools participated in National Bike & Roll to School Day on May 15, with Saxe Middle School and South Elementary emphasizing e-bike safety alongside walking and biking activities. New Canaan Police officers attended the event to promote awareness of new e-bike laws and safety requirements. The program also highlighted a student-created e-bike safety website aimed at educating young riders about safe riding practices. Photo credit: New Canaan Police Department

St. Luke's Honors Cum Laude Inductees

St. Luke's School will induct 19 seniors into the Cum Laude Society on May 15 in recognition of academic achievement. Associate Head of School and Chief Financial Officer Julia Gabriele will also be inducted as an adult member after 38 years of service to the school. The Cum Laude Society recognizes members of school communities whose work reflects its principles of "Excellence, Justice, Honor."

NCCS Honors Willy Oppenheim '01



New Canaan Country School will present its 2026 Alumni Award to Willy Oppenheim '01 on May 15. Oppenheim, an educator, researcher, and founder of Omprakash, recently returned to campus to deliver a talk titled Beginning Again for students and faculty. The event also brought together alumni, former faculty, parents, and community members on campus. Photo credit: New Canaan Country School

St. Luke's Students Connect Generations

Students from St. Luke's School partnered with the GoodKids technology organization to host an intergenerational event at the Lapham Community Center. Members of the school's Veterans Club, Chess Club, and Civic Engagement Club played chess and discussed changes in technology with community members. The event focused on conversation and community engagement through service.

South School Marks 75 Years



Nearly 500 students, families, staff, and alumni attended the South School Fun Run last

Friday to mark the school's 75th anniversary. The event included music, activities for children, and an appearance by the school mascot, SouthPaw. The celebration was organized with support from the South School PTC. Photo credit: New Canaan Public School

SPORTS

Fico Sisters Lead New Canaan

New Canaan senior Lauren Fico entered the postseason as one of Connecticut's top softball players, surpassing 400 career strikeouts and 100 hits while helping lead the Rams to an undefeated FCIAC record through mid-May. Fico, who plans to attend the University of Georgia and not continue varsity softball in college, has spent her final high school season playing alongside her younger sister Charlotte, a freshman catcher and first baseman. New Canaan is seeking its first FCIAC title since 2013 and its first appearance in a CIAC state final.

Darien Tops New Canaan Softball Rivalry

Darien defeated New Canaan, 4-1, on May 15 behind a 15-strikeout performance from pitcher Vivian Knott, who also tripled and scored. New Canaan tied the game in the third inning after Lauren Fico tripled and Sofia Mallozzi drove her in, but Darien responded with two runs in the fourth and added another in the sixth. Fico struck out nine for the Rams, who fell to 10-4 and suffered their first FCIAC loss of the season.

New Canaan Opens Ram Camp Registration

Registration opens May 15 for the 2026 New Canaan Youth Football Summer Ram Camp, scheduled for June 22-24 at Water Tower Turf Field. The camp is open to rising third- through eighth-grade students and will be led by New Canaan High School varsity coaches and players under Head Coach Lou Marinelli. Sessions will be held by grade level, and registration costs \$250.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Applegate Named Stamford Prosecutorial Leader

David Applegate has been appointed state's attorney for the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District and will begin the role July 1 following the retirement of longtime prosecutor Paul Ferencek. Applegate previously served in the Stamford, Bridgeport and Danbury judicial districts and was appointed Danbury state's attorney in 2022. The Stamford/Norwalk district includes Stamford, Norwalk, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Weston, Westport and Wilton.

AROUND CT

USPS Honors Bald Eagles' Life Cycle



The U.S. Postal Service will release its new "Bald Eagle: Hatchling to Adult" Forever stamp series on May 15, featuring artwork by ornithologist and artist David Allen Sibley and designed by USPS art director Derry Noyes. The collection includes five illustrations showing bald eagles at different stages of life, and customers may begin preordering the stamps May 14 for \$15.60 per sheet of 20. The release comes as conservation groups work to raise \$8 million by July to protect land tied to the nesting habitat of bald eagles Jackie and Shadow, with information available at SaveMoonCamp.org Photo credit: USPS

FROM HARTFORD

Connecticut Launches Statewide CT250 Initiative

Governor Ned Lamont will join state officials, historians, and community organizations on May 12 at Hartford's Old State House to launch CT250, Connecticut's statewide commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States. The initiative will include historical, educational, and tourism programming in all 169 Connecticut municipalities leading up to 2026. The launch event will feature Revolutionary War reenactors, military participants, and presentations outlining planned statewide events and programs.

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their cousins, and remember that he taught them about “The High Road.”

Daly was born on Sept. 15, 1924, in New York City and was accredited to Southport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. He later became a captain in the U.S. Army, though he was a lieutenant at the time of the action that earned him the Medal of Honor. He served with Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

The Medal of Honor Society places his defining action on April 18, 1945, in Nuremberg, Germany. The war in Europe was nearing its end, but that knowledge did not soften the street fighting. Daly led his company through “the shell-battered, sniper-infested wreckage of Nuremberg,” according to his citation. When machine-gun fire caught his men exposed, he ordered them to take cover and went forward alone. He killed the three-man gun crew with his carbine.

Then he kept going.

Daly found an enemy patrol with rocket launchers that threatened American armor, took a vantage point, and opened

fire. Under machine-pistol and rocket fire, he killed all six enemy infantrymen, according to the citation. Later, he killed a machine-gun operator in a park and directed fire against the remaining crew. In a final close-range fight, he destroyed a third machine-gun emplacement at a distance of 10 yards. The citation credits him with killing 15 Germans, silencing three machine guns, and wiping out an entire enemy patrol.

There is violence in the account, because there was violence in the duty. But the center of the story is not destruction. It is protection. Daly repeatedly moved forward so his men would not have to. He took the risk onto himself. The citation's most revealing phrase is not the tally of enemy dead. It is this: he acted while “protecting his men at every opportunity.” That was the through-line of his life.

According to Texas A&M University Press, Stephen J. Ochs' biography, *A Cause Greater than Self*, describes Daly as an enlisted man who rose to captain and company commander, earning three Silver Stars, a Bronze Star with “V” attachment, two Purple Hearts, and the Medal of Honor. Ochs' account presents Daly as a soldier whose devotion to his men continued after the war as service to family, community, and the vulnerable.

Daly had come from a family shaped by service. His father, Col. Paul Daly, was a World War I and World War II veteran and a Distinguished Service Cross recipient. The younger Daly attended Georgetown Prep, left West Point after one year, and

enlisted after Pearl Harbor, according to biographical accounts. He went to Europe as a teenager, landed at Omaha Beach, fought across France, was wounded in Aachen, recovered, and returned to combat. The Medal of Honor came at the end of a war that had already taken much from him.

President Harry S. Truman presented Daly the Medal of Honor at the White House on Aug. 23, 1945, while Daly was still recovering from wounds, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

Daly later resisted the easy language of heroism. At Fairfield High School, he said, “We all lose our courage at times. It is something we pray for in the morning, that God will give us the strength and courage to do what is right.”

After the war, Daly returned to Fairfield, built a business, married Maggie Miller, raised two children, and gave decades of service to St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport. Texas A&M University Press notes that he became a board member there and was known as the “conscience of the hospital” for advocating for the indigent poor and terminally ill.

He died at home in Fairfield on July 25, 2008, at 83. He was buried at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Fairfield.

At 250 years, the country's story is not only founding and victory. It is the record of those who stepped forward to do what is right.

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most common cancers in children ages 0–19 in the United States. Gliomas account for more than half of brain tumors in children ages 0–14. Infants under age one have the highest incidence of gliomas among children ages 0–19. In adolescents ages 15–19, pituitary tumors are among the most common central nervous system tumors. There are more than 100 distinct types of primary brain and central nervous system tumors, each with different symptoms, treatment options, and outcomes.

My daughter, Vivienne, was dealt the unimaginable hand of being diagnosed with DIPG – diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma – an aggressive and inoperable brain tumor in the pons of the brain. Her diagnosis came with a devastating reality: a life expectancy often measured in months, not years.

That is why we created the Vivienne C. Finn Foundation Inc. The Foundation is guided by three pillars, which serve as both our mantra and our measure of success: funding research close to home, supporting families in the fight, and championing legislation that changes outcomes for children with cancer.

These pillars reflect what families need most when a child is diagnosed: better treatments, practical support, and a public system willing to fight as urgently as they do.

At this stage, it is worth taking a brief jaunt down legislative lane to see what bipartisan federal work has achieved for children with cancer – and why recent events have also given families cause for concern.

At the federal level, there has been meaningful progress. President Biden reignited the Cancer Moonshot in 2022 with the goal of reducing the cancer death rate by at least 50 percent over 25 years and improving the experience of patients and families. For pediatric cancer, the Moonshot's focus on data sharing, patient navigation, research coordination, and clinical trial access matters deeply because rare childhood cancers require researchers to learn from every child's case, not just from one hospital or institution.

That same belief is one of the reasons the Vivienne C. Finn Foundation supports the nurse navigator program started by the ChadTough Defeat DIPG Foundation. Families should not have access to knowledge, treatment options, or clinical trial guidance only because of their income, education, or ZIP code. Every family deserves someone who can help them understand the diagnosis, ask the right questions, and find the best possible path forward.

Bipartisan laws have also helped change the pediatric cancer landscape. The Research to Accelerate Cures and Equity for Children Act, commonly called the RACE for Children Act, pushed drug companies to study targeted cancer therapies in children when the molecular target is relevant to childhood cancer. The Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access, and Research Act, commonly called the Childhood Cancer STAR Act, strengthened research, survivorship care, biospecimen collection, and cancer surveillance. More recently, the Mikaela Naylor Give Kids a Chance Act, signed on February 3, 2026, advanced pediatric combination therapy studies and extended the Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher program through September 2029.

The Vivienne C. Finn Foundation was proud to support advocacy around this initiative becoming law. For children with aggressive cancers, this matters because they do not have the luxury of waiting while one drug is tested at a time. Many adult cancer breakthroughs come through combination therapies. Children deserve that same urgency.

There are also promising federal efforts around artificial

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Vivienne Finn

intelligence. In September 2025, President Trump signed an executive order called “Unlocking Cures for Pediatric Cancer with Artificial Intelligence.” The goal was to use artificial intelligence and health data to speed up pediatric cancer research. The hope is that artificial intelligence can help organize medical records, genetic information, imaging, and other complex data so doctors and researchers can better match children to clinical trials, identify treatment patterns, and make rare pediatric cancer data more useful.

But federal promise is not the same as reliable access for a child in Connecticut.

Some recent federal actions have given families and advocates real cause for concern. The National Cancer Institute's 2026 budget request proposed a major reduction in cancer research funding of 37%. Congress ultimately rejected that proposed cut, but the proposal itself showed how vulnerable cancer research can be to federal budget shifts. For children with aggressive brain tumors, uncertainty is not abstract. Delayed grants, paused trials, or disrupted research networks can mean lost time children do not have.

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium is one clear example of why state action matters. For many years, this national research group helped run early-phase clinical trials for children with brain tumors. Federal officials have said this work will move into a broader pediatric

early-phase clinical trial network, with the goal of expanding access to more hospitals. The National Cancer Institute announced in fall 2025 that the Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium would no longer receive federal funding after March 2026. That goal is important. But families are right to worry whenever trial enrollment pauses, transitions take time, or funding does not clearly follow the work.

That is why Connecticut cannot rely on federal action alone.

Federal policy can open doors, but state policy determines whether a child can actually walk through them. A Connecticut Pediatric Cancer Action Plan would help our state ask the questions that matter: How many children are diagnosed here? Where are they treated? Are they receiving molecular testing? Are they being matched to clinical trials? Are families able to afford transportation, food, housing, and time away from work? Are adolescents and young adults being connected to appropriate care? Are our hospitals supported so pediatric oncology expertise stays in Connecticut?

Other states have already recognized that childhood cancer deserves specific attention inside state cancer planning. Connecticut should not be satisfied with a passing mention of children. We should build a plan that reflects the real burden of pediatric cancer on children, siblings, parents, hospitals, schools, and communities.

A Connecticut Pediatric Cancer Action Plan could support Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's, UConn Health, and partner institutions in building stronger trial infrastructure, data systems, research nursing, regulatory support, tumor boards, family navigation, and financial assistance. It could help prevent a brain drain from Connecticut hospitals by making our state a place where pediatric oncology expertise, clinical trials, and innovation can grow.

For families facing brain cancer, close to home is not a convenience. It is part of care. When a child may have months, not years, proximity matters. Being near siblings, grandparents, school friends, pets, bedrooms, familiar streets, and community allows families to make memories in the time they have. No child should have to leave the state simply to access hope. No family should be forced to choose between a clinical trial and financial survival.

Gray May asks us to remember. But remembrance is not enough. We must act. We must fund research, support families, and pass legislation that makes Connecticut a leader in pediatric cancer care.

The Vivienne C. Finn Foundation fights in Vivienne's memory because we believe the next child deserves more options than the last child had. Our state has the hospitals, the doctors, the families, the advocates, and the heart to do better. Now we need a plan.

The Vivienne C. Finn Foundation will hold a luncheon on November 10 at Greenwich Country Club, where we will hear from Nancy Goodman of Kids v Cancer about what is needed to advocate, legislate, and move pediatric cancer policy forward. Sadly, in 2026, an estimated 18,350 Americans – adults and children – will die from malignant brain cancer, and more than 108,000 Americans will receive a primary brain tumor diagnosis. Families' lives will be altered forever.

As a society, we hold on to hope. But hope must be paired with action. We stand beside the more than 1.3 million Americans living with or after a brain tumor diagnosis, and we fight for the children and families who deserve better. If you or someone you love is facing a brain tumor diagnosis, please visit the resource page at <https://vcfnfoundation.org>. No one should have to fight alone.

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kiosk waiting in the plaza.

For New Canaan readers, the appeal is recognizable. This is a place built for strolling. It understands the old pleasure of looking in windows, noticing a good façade, stopping for a drink, and letting an afternoon unfold slowly.

The retail lineup has real draw: Valentino, Thom Browne, Missoni, TWP, Vivienne Westwood, Coach, Longchamp, Lacoste, Paige, The North Face, Tumi, Roberto Cavalli, AllSaints, and others. Belmont Park Village, part of The Bicester Collection, describes its offering as designer fashion at up to 65 percent off every day, with spring arrivals including lululemon, Roller Rabbit, and Zadig&Voltaire. The discount structure matters, but the Village wisely does not lead with bargain-bin energy. The experience feels curated, calm, and upscale.

Its smartest game-day feature is Hands-Free Shopping. Guests can shop before puck drop and have purchases delivered to the Isles Lab Customization Station inside UBS Arena. That means no bulky bags through security, no shopping tucked under arena seats, and no choosing between a boutique stop and an easy hockey night.

Dinner before the game was at Hundredfold, the French American brasserie at the center of the Village from James Beard Award-winning chef Timothy Hollingsworth. The room has a soft glamour to it: high windows, warm wood, glowing bottles behind the bar, a deep blue ceiling, brass-toned light fixtures, and cut-glass drinkware that catches the light. It feels grown-up without feeling stiff.

The cocktails set the tone. The Heaven Cent, made with citrus vodka, grapefruit, French lemon sorbet, and brut rosé, arrived pale pink and frothy, the kind of drink that looks delicate but has a bright, clean snap. The Chère Margarite, with blanco tequila, aloe liqueur, grapefruit, lime, and agave, was refreshing and elegant – a more polished cousin of the usual margarita.

The food leaned comfortably brasserie, with just enough playfulness. Crescent rolls came warm with whipped butter, honey, and sea salt, a simple dish made memorable by the contrast of flaky pastry, cool butter, and sweetness. Lobster roll bites were neat and generous, perched on brioche. A spicy tuna bite with avocado delivered crunch, heat, and coolness in a single mouthful. Tallow fries arrived in a metal



The arched entrance to Belmont Park Village frames the open-air shopping destination, where brick façades, ivy-wrapped columns, and designer storefronts create the feeling of a polished village square.

cone with ketchup and garlic aioli, golden and properly crisp.

For mains, the steak au poivre brought the deep satisfaction of charred beef, rosy centers, and a glossy peppercorn sauce. The rigatoni pesto with grilled chicken was bright green and comforting, rich with basil, dotted with blistered tomatoes, and finished with a snowy layer of cheese.

Dessert was Hundredfold's deconstructed lemon cheesecake, and as someone who is always happy to see cheesecake on a menu, I found it genuinely exciting. It arrived in a glass bowl, with bright lemon cream, delicate crumbs, and soft spoonfuls of ricotta. It still had the comfort and pleasure of cheesecake, but the textures made it feel playful and unexpected – one of the more interesting ways I have eaten a dessert I already love.

After dinner, the evening found its game-night rhythm. From the Belmont Park Village parking garage, it was a short Uber over to UBS Arena, and by then the Islanders faithful were already easy to spot – families, couples, and groups of friends in orange and blue, jerseys



Inside UBS Arena, Islanders fans in orange and blue filled the seats for a matchup against the Philadelphia Flyers, bringing the day from polished Village outing to full home-team energy.

layered over sweaters, caps pulled low, everyone moving with the purposeful excitement of people ready to show up for their home team.

Inside UBS Arena, the Islanders faced the Philadelphia Flyers, and the building had the charge one hopes for in a division matchup: banners overhead, blue-and-orange jerseys filling the seats, the scoreboard glowing above center ice, and the Flyers bench lined in orange across the way. Live hockey has a sound no broadcast can quite capture – the scrape of skates, the thud against the boards, the sudden rise of the crowd when the puck turns dangerous. UBS Arena makes that drama easy to feel. The sightlines are strong, the building is handsome, and the energy builds quickly.

Taken together, Belmont Park Village and UBS Arena create a rare kind of outing: elegant but not fussy, sporty but not rough-edged, local in spirit even though it is very much a destination. For New Canaan residents looking for something beyond the usual dinner reservation, it offers a full arc, and the pleasure of a day that feels planned without feeling overproduced.

By the end, the appeal is simple. You come for the Village. You stay for the game. And somewhere between the honeyed butter, the brick walkways, the orange-and-blue crowd, and the roar from the ice, the trip to Belmont Park starts to feel very much worth making.

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The Argument Worth Having

A community newspaper's editorial page is not a pledge of agreement. It is an invitation to citizenship.

The *New Canaan Sentinel* does not endorse every opinion it prints. No serious newspaper does. To publish a letter or an op-ed is not to baptize it as institutional doctrine. It is to recognize that a town capable of self-government must also be capable of hearing itself think, argue, object, revise and answer.

This distinction is important because our public habits have changed. Too many citizens now mistake exposure for endorsement and disagreement for injury. Too many arguments begin with suspicion rather than patience. The old civic muscles have atrophied: reading carefully, writing plainly, disputing fairly, conceding facts, resisting caricature. Yet these are the habits by which a town remains more than a collection of addresses.

John Stuart Mill warned in *On Liberty* that "He who knows

A newspaper that prints only what it already believes is not serving a town. It is congratulating itself.

only his own side of the case, knows little of that," according to *The Daily Idea's* excerpt from Mill's 1859 text.

The sentence has survived because it describes a permanent human temptation: to believe that our convictions are strongest when they are least tested. They are not. They are strongest when they have endured a worthy challenge.

The *Sentinel* wants that challenge on its pages.

We want letters from conservatives, liberals, independents, unaffiliated voters, irritated taxpayers, grateful parents, worried neighbors, public servants, volunteers, clergy, students, merchants and residents who have never before written for publication. We want arguments that are civil, factual, signed and considered. We want more opinion, not less, because a living community should not have a narrow conversation.

But there is one thing a newspaper cannot do. It cannot print the letter that is never sent.

If readers believe the editorial page is missing a point of view, the remedy is not resentment. The remedy is authorship. Write the letter. Submit the op-ed. Make the case. Correct the record. Add the fact. Offer the counterargument. Put your name to your convictions and allow your neighbors to weigh them.

This is different from posting in anger online. The digital world has its uses, but it often rewards speed, heat and applause from those already persuaded. A newspaper asks for something more demanding and more durable. It asks the writer to pause before publication. It asks for structure, evidence and tone. It asks readers to encounter an argument in a common civic space, not in a private stream calibrated to confirm what they already think.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan is widely associated with the line, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts," according to *Quote Investigator*, which traces the quotation's provenance and variants.

That principle is central to any editorial page worthy of the name. We will print disagreement. We will not celebrate falsehood. We welcome forceful argument. We expect basic fairness.

New Canaan should be good at this. The town is educated, public-spirited and serious about its institutions. It has citizens who know budgets, schools, zoning, faith communities, youth sports, conservation, housing, public safety and the daily obligations of neighborliness. It has citizens with experience in business, government, law, medicine, education, philanthropy, the arts and military service. Those experiences should be heard.

A one-sided editorial page is not our ambition. A one-sided submission box is not within our power to repair alone.

So this is our standing invitation: send us what you think. Send it with care. Send it with evidence. Send it with respect for those who will disagree. Do not leave the argument to others and then lament its shape.

That is not a scolding. It is an appeal. A newspaper is strongest when readers treat it not as a verdict handed down from a distance, but as a table at which the town may sit. Bring your disagreement there. Bring your experience there. Bring your better argument there.

A town's conversation belongs to the people willing to enter it.

Editorial Page

OPINION

Connecticut's Section 8-30g Law: Dumb and Dumber

Once in a while legislative bodies come up with a well-meaning but hopelessly misguided law. So misguided that a reasonable person might read it and say to themselves, "What the hell were they thinking?"

Prohibition in the 1920s is a prime example. The scourge of alcohol abuse in America, identified by societies like the Women's Christian Temperance Union, prompted Congress in 1919 to pass the 18th Amendment outlawing the sale of "intoxicating liquors" in the United States.

The result was a dismal failure. Illicit sales of alcohol flourished (causing a renaissance of organized crime no less; think Al Capone) and consumption rose to levels well above those that were in effect even before Prohibition.

Connecticut's General Statute 8-30g is another example of misplaced legislative intentions.

Section 8-30g was designed to increase affordable housing units across the state. A compassionate and worthy goal - so far, so good. Now the bad. It does this by allowing real estate developers to override local zoning regulations if a municipality has less than 10% of its housing stock designated as "affordable."

Those developers can automatically bypass local zoning regulations entirely if they incorporate affordable housing into their business plan. The law requires that a town's zoning authority must approve an 8-30g plan unless there is a significant (think earth shattering) safety or environmental problem. No other reasons are permitted. Period.

How successful has 8-30g been? Well, when it was enacted in 1989 there were 31 out of Connecticut's 169 cities and towns that had affordable housing stock of more than 10%. The number of those same municipalities having more than 10% in 2026, nearly four decades later? The same: 31. Incredibly, the New York Mets have had a similar success rate during that same period.

And while 8-30g hasn't caused an increase in crime (at least that we know of), it has done something utterly breathtaking: it's put real estate developers in the driver's seat for fixing the state's intractable affordable housing problem. Seriously? Real estate developers? That's like putting Keith Richards in charge of drug prevention in Fairfield County.

Take the most recent 8-30g debacle currently taking place in New Canaan. The developer first proposed a 102-unit structure incorporating the required minimum of 30% affordable housing units. Let's call it Plan 1. Once that proposal was fully approved by the court - over the strenuous objections of the town and after years of litigation (and abundant legal fees) - the developer suddenly changed his mind.

He put forth Plan 2, which would reduce the size of the project from 102 to 62 units and - wait for it - with no affordable housing whatsoever. To be fair, Plan 2 also includes his offer of \$3.2 million payable to New Canaan to "support housing solutions on the town's own terms, the definition of local control."

Before we roll out the canape to celebrate his generosity, however, understand that given that the cost to build affordable housing in New Canaan is estimated at approximately \$620,000 per unit, the cash contribution would only fund five affordable housing units instead of the 30 set forth in Plan 1.

Which brings us to why Plan 2 was likely floated in the first place. The developer will tell you that he did this for the town, that the compromise "meaningfully reduces density, lowers building height, incorporates underground parking, and better reflects the inputs from the community. It is, by any estimate, a better plan for New Canaan." And it may well be.

But it's entirely possible that the real reason Plan 2 was introduced was that the developer never really wanted Plan 1 in the first place. In this scenario he simply wanted to get Plan 1 approved by the court and then use that as a cudgel to bludgeon the town and his neighbors into submission in getting Plan 2 approved - the plan that he wanted all along.

Why Plan 2 instead of Plan 1? Because with Plan 2 he would make more money. A lot more money. In fact, because Plan 1 would require him to set aside 30 units (which, multiplied by the \$620,000 amount noted above, would cost nearly \$19 million), there's a real question as to whether he could even afford Plan 1 in the first place.

That's because in addition to the cost of the 30 units, the rental income derived from them would be effectively de minimis because they are, after all, affordable housing. Moreover, 8-30g requires those units to remain affordable for 40 years. That's a long time making very little money for a developer and his investors.

While calls have been made to escort the developer directly to the guillotine (his recent doxxing of recalcitrant neighbors hasn't exactly helped), it's important to understand that the foregoing fact pattern is not a one-off instance; it plays out regularly in the state of Connecticut under the auspices of Section 8-30g.

Ultimately, it's not the developer's fault for gaming the system. It's our fault for having a legislature that gave us a law that could be gamed in the first place.

Nick Williams is a former six-term Selectman of New Canaan.

A Note of Gratitude

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. On behalf of NAMI Southwest CT, (National Alliance for Mental Illness) I would like to thank the following churches and hospitals for hosting our monthly Friends and Family Support Group meetings: Greenwich Hospital, The Tully Center, United Church of Rowayton, First Congregational Church of Stamford, First Church Congregational of Fairfield and Greens Farms Church of Westport.

I would also thank to thank the Piedmont Club in Darien for hosting our monthly Out of the Abyss support Group monthly meeting.

A shout out to Greenwich Hospital, First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich

and United Church of Rowayton for hosting our Family to Family courses throughout the year.

These spaces are graciously donated, allowing us to provide free support and a wealth of information to help family and friends navigate the overwhelming challenges of supporting loved ones with a mental health condition. Our meetings provide a safe place for people to share their experiences and offer hope for hundreds of others.

With gratitude,
Laurel Scarlata

President of NAMI Southwest Affiliate

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OPINION

The 2025 Legislative Session: The Good, the Bad, and the Road Ahead

By Carol Platt Liebau



Connecticut's legislative session drew to a close last week. As president of Yankee Institute, one of the few Connecticut institutions devoted full-time to examining how public policy actually works in practice, it seems an appropriate moment to take stock both of the challenges confronting our state and of the meaningful progress that's been made in addressing them.

There is no doubt that Connecticut's challenges remain substantial. Costs are too high. Government continues to expand in ways that strain families, businesses, and communities. And too often, policy is shaped by political momentum rather than careful consideration of long-term consequences.

But there is also encouraging news. Increasingly, Connecticut's public debate is becoming more serious: more grounded in fiscal reality, more attentive to practical consequences, and more focused on whether proposals will actually work in the real world.

That's progress. And it reflects something important: in recent years, lawmakers have faced greater scrutiny. It's come not only from citizens, but from institutions willing to dig into legislation before votes are cast to examine what proposals will cost, how they would be implemented, what authority they create, and what unintended consequences may follow.

That kind of institutional accountability matters more than many realize. Here's what it meant this session:

The Good News

When the legislative session began, it was clear there would be significant pressure to weaken (or creatively bypass) Connecticut's fiscal guardrails. But the debate changed.

Rather than casually treating those guardrails as obstacles to be overcome, policymakers increasingly had to grapple with a more serious question: How can Connecticut meet real needs while preserving long-term fiscal stability?

That shift matters. It's evidence that fiscal discipline is no longer an afterthought in Hartford.

Connecticut's public debate is becoming more serious

Likewise, legislation requiring taxpayers to subsidize striking workers through unemployment compensation failed again this year. A statewide property tax on higher-value homes was defeated. So was a capital gains surcharge.

These outcomes aren't accidental. They reflect a growing expectation that major policy proposals will face real scrutiny. It means that lawmakers will be asked not simply whether an idea sounds appealing, but what it costs, how it would work, and what consequences it would create. That is healthy governance.

Citizen engagement is growing, as well.

Yankee Institute's Take Action! system generated roughly 2,000 messages to lawmakers during the last short session. This year, that number exceeded 10,000. That's a dramatic expansion in citizen participation and a sign that more Connecticut residents are paying close attention to what happens in Hartford. Make no mistake: legislators are noticing.

And that means questions of affordability, energy costs, pension liabilities, fiscal sustainability, and government accountability are becoming harder to ignore. Even measures that may seem technical, such as preserving government union financial transparency requirements, have profound consequences for public accountability and trust. Transparency requirements matter because public trust depends on transparency and oversight.

These are not abstract policy disputes in a distant capital. They affect whether Connecticut remains a place where families can thrive, businesses can invest, and communities can flourish.

The Bad News

Of course, not every battle was won. Government spending pressures remain intense. New commitments continue to be made without sufficient regard for long-term cost. Too many policymakers still default toward expanding fiscal commitments rather than reforming them.

And increasingly, there is a troubling temptation to create budgetary workarounds. These mechanisms would allow spending to rise outside the normal fiscal disciplines that helped stabilize Connecticut's finances, and they present a serious and growing

risk to the progress we've made thanks to the fiscal guardrails.

Going forward, we'll need to remain vigilant because some of the most consequential policy mistakes are not dramatic or headline-grabbing. They are buried in budget language, hidden in complex financing structures, or embedded in legislation whose full costs emerge only years later. And by then, reversing them becomes far harder.

The Road Ahead

That is why independent policy scrutiny matters. Much of that scrutiny comes not from the government itself, of course, but from independent institutions. And in Connecticut, there are remarkably few organizations that consistently evaluate policy through the lens of fiscal discipline, government accountability, and real-world consequence.

Connecticut needs institutions willing to do more than react after bad ideas are already entrenched. It needs organizations capable of identifying risks early, making hidden consequences visible, and offering practical alternatives grounded in fiscal and economic reality.

That work is rarely flashy. Often, it is uphill. It cannot honestly promise immediate results. It requires research, vigilance, persistence, and sustained investment in principles and institutions capable of shaping Connecticut's future long after any single election has passed. It also requires the ability to connect policy choices in Hartford to their real-world effects on Connecticut families and employers.

But it is essential. And over time, it can change the trajectory – and the future – of our state.

The Takeaway

This session confirmed something important:

Although much remains to be done, Connecticut is not without hope.

A stronger culture of scrutiny is taking root. Citizens are becoming more engaged. Policymakers are increasingly being asked harder questions. And there is growing recognition that government must be judged not by rhetoric, but by whether policies are practical, sustainable, and workable in the real world.

That is real progress. And it's how lasting reform begins.

Carol Platt Liebau is President of Yankee Institute, a Connecticut-based public policy organization advancing practical solutions to keep our state affordable, livable, and workable. Learn more at YankeeInstitute.org.

LEGAL ADS

LEGAL AD

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

Town of New Canaan
Town Council
Public Hearing/Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2026
7:00 P.M. - Town Hall

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of New Canaan will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Town Charter Revision Draft report on May 27, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. For more information, go to www.newcanaan.info [or in the digital edition please just click on this ad to go to the link.]

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 AD

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 this hearing is scheduled as a hybrid meeting to be held in the Town Meeting Room, Town Hall, 77 Main Street at 7:00 p.m. with access available in person or via an on-line system to hear and decide the application(s) as follows:

1. 1313 Smith Ridge Road – Upon application of Dean Pushler, Authorized Agent for Brian and Jennifer Garrett, owner(s), for a Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 3.4.C.6 to allow construction of a swimming pool and patio in the front yard, 54' from the front property line in the Four Acre Zone at 1313 Smith Ridge Road (Map 41, Block 102, Lot 22).

2. 178 Oenoke Ridge – Upon application of Jim Beall, Authorized Agent for First Presbyterian Church, owner(s), for a Special Permit approval pursuant to Section(s) 7.7, to designate the property as historically significant in order to permit an increase in building coverage over the allowable amount by an additional 500 sq. ft. to accommodate fully accessible handicap entrance ramps and bathroom in the One Acre Zone at 178 Oenoke Ridge (Map 32, Block 20, Lot 52).

Dated: May 14, 2026
New Canaan, Connecticut
Daniel Radman, Chairman

Trumbull Ends New Canaan's Home Streak With 8-0 Win

New Canaan's home winning streak ended Thursday at Waveny Park, where Trumbull defeated the Rams 8-0 in a late-season FCIAC baseball matchup between two teams that entered the afternoon with strong records and postseason ambitions.

The Rams came in with momentum after an 11-1 win over St. Joseph, a result that reinforced their place among the state's stronger teams.

That performance, one of New Canaan's most complete games of the season, gave the Rams another lopsided victory and extended a stretch of confident play at home.

Trumbull changed the tone quickly. The Eagles, coming off a 7-1 loss to Ridgefield that ended their 11-game winning streak, responded with a sharp road performance and kept New Canaan from building the kind of early pressure that

had carried the Rams through recent wins.

For New Canaan, the game was a rare offensive struggle. The Rams had entered the matchup allowing fewer than three runs per game on average, a mark that reflected the consistency of their pitching and defense throughout the season. Trumbull, however, paired steady run production with a shutout, forcing New Canaan to play from behind without the

breakthrough inning it needed. The loss dropped New Canaan to 15-4 overall and 11-4 in league play. It also ended a four-game home winning streak for a team that has made Waveny Park a difficult stop for opponents. The Rams had been particularly effective in decisive wins this spring, recording six victories by nine runs or more before Thursday's game.

Trumbull improved to 15-2-1 overall and 11-1 in league play.

The Eagles also extended their road winning streak, which had stood at eight games entering the matchup. Their response after the Ridgefield loss showed why they remain one of the conference's most difficult opponents.

New Canaan still has plenty to take from its recent stretch. The Rams beat St. Joseph convincingly earlier in the week and remain in position to finish the regular season with one of

the league's stronger profiles. Thursday's loss was a setback, but not a defining one.

The Rams will look to regroup Monday, May 18, when they visit Ridgefield at 4:30 p.m. With the regular season winding down, New Canaan's response will matter as much as the result that ended its home streak.

Go Cheer them on!

Upcoming Schedule

15	MAY, FRI	● 4 - 5:30pm	Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys @ Fairfield Prep 200 Barlow Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824
16	MAY, SAT	● 4:30 - 6pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys vs Brien McMahon 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4:30 - 5:30pm	Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys vs Brien McMahon 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
18	MAY, MON	● 3:15 - 4:45pm	Girls Varsity Golf vs Fairfield Warde 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4 - 5:45pm	Boys Freshman Baseball vs Ridgefield High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4 - 5:30pm	Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys vs Staples High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4 - 5:15pm	Girls Freshman Lacrosse - Girls @ Staples High School 70 North Ave, Westport CT 06880
		● 4 - 4:30pm	Boys Varsity Tennis vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4:30 - 6:45pm	Boys JV Baseball @ Ridgefield High School 10 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield CT 06877
		● 4:30 - 6:45pm	Boys Varsity Baseball @ Ridgefield High School 84 Governor St, Ridgefield CT 06877
		● 4:30 - 5:30pm	Boys JV Volleyball @ Ridgefield High School 700 N Salem Rd, Ridgefield CT 06877
		● 5:30 - 6:30pm	Boys Varsity Volleyball @ Ridgefield High School 700 N Salem Rd, Ridgefield CT 06877
		● 5:30 - 6:30pm	Girls Varsity Softball vs Ridgefield High School Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		19	MAY, TUE
● 4 - 7pm	Boys Varsity Track & Field - Outdoor @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06840		
● 4 - 7pm	Girls Varsity Track & Field - Outdoor @ Darien High School 80 High School Lane, Darien CT 06840		
● 4 - 5:30pm	Girls JV Softball @ Danbury High School 43 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury CT 06811		
● 4 - 5:30pm	Girls Varsity Softball @ Danbury High School 43 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury CT 06811		
● 4 - 5pm	Boys JV Lacrosse - Boys vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
● 5:30 - 6:45pm	Girls JV Lacrosse - Girls vs Darien High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
● 6:30 - 8pm	Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Boys vs Greenwich High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840		
20	MAY, WED	● 3:15 - 5:15pm	Girls Varsity Golf vs Fairfield Ludlowe 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 3:15 - 4:45pm	Girls JV Golf vs Fairfield Ludlowe 95 Country Club Rd, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 - 5:45pm	Boys JV Baseball vs Danbury High School Mead Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 - 5:45pm	Boys Varsity Baseball vs Danbury High School Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4 - 5:30pm	Boys Freshman Lacrosse - Boys vs Wilton High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4:15 - 5:45pm	Girls JV Softball vs Wilton High School Waveny Park, New Canaan CT 06840
		● 4:15 - 5:15pm	Boys JV Volleyball vs Danbury High School 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 4:30 - 6:15pm	Boys Freshman Baseball @ Danbury High School 43 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury CT 06811
21	MAY, THU	● 3:15 - 5:15pm	Girls Varsity Golf vs Newtown 11 Farm Rd, New Canaan Connecticut 06840
		● 3:15 - 4:45pm	Girls JV Golf vs Newtown 95 Country Club Rd, New Canaan CT 06840

Weekly Scores

Date	Team (School - Gender - Sport)	Opponent	Score
5/5	New Canaan - Boys - Baseball	Darien	New Canaan 7 - Darien 2
5/8	New Canaan - Boys - Baseball	Westhill	New Canaan 13 - Westhill 2
5/11	New Canaan - Boys - Baseball	Bridgeport Central	New Canaan 12 - Bridgeport Central 0
5/7	New Canaan - Boys - Lacrosse	Ridgefield	New Canaan 14 - Ridgefield 7
5/9	New Canaan - Boys - Lacrosse	Upper Arlington High	New Canaan 10 - Upper Arlington High 7
5/12	New Canaan - Boys - Lacrosse	Somers High	New Canaan 15 - Somers High 8
5/7	New Canaan - Boys - Tennis	Danbury	New Canaan 7 - Danbury 0
5/7	New Canaan - Boys - Volleyball	Darien	New Canaan 3 - Darien 0
5/8	New Canaan - Boys - Volleyball	Shelton	New Canaan 2 - Shelton 3
5/11	New Canaan - Boys - Volleyball	Bridgeport Central	New Canaan 3 - Bridgeport Central 0
5/7	New Canaan - Girls - Lacrosse	Ridgefield	New Canaan 19 - Ridgefield 4
5/9	New Canaan - Girls - Lacrosse	St. Anthonys	New Canaan 6 - St. Anthonys 18
5/12	New Canaan - Girls - Lacrosse	Greenwich	New Canaan 13 - Greenwich 12
5/7	New Canaan - Girls - Softball	Darien	New Canaan 1 - Darien 4
5/8	New Canaan - Girls - Softball	Westhill	New Canaan 3 - Westhill 0
5/11	New Canaan - Girls - Softball	Bridgeport Central	New Canaan 17 - Bridgeport Central 0
5/12	New Canaan - Girls - Softball	St. Joseph	New Canaan 3 - St. Joseph 2
5/7	New Canaan - Girls - Tennis	Danbury	New Canaan 7 - Danbury 0
5/7	St. Lukes - Boys - Baseball	Brunswick	St. Lukes 0 - Brunswick 11
5/5	St. Lukes - Boys - Tennis	King	St. Lukes 4 - King 3
5/7	St. Lukes - Boys - Tennis	Greenwich Country Day	St. Lukes 1 - Greenwich Country Day 6
5/7	St. Lukes - Girls - Softball	Millbrook	St. Lukes 13 - Millbrook 0
5/8	St. Lukes - Girls - Softball	Kent School	St. Lukes 6 - Kent School 1
5/12	St. Lukes - Girls - Softball	King	St. Lukes 8 - King 0
5/4	St. Lukes - Girls - Lacrosse	Greens Farms Academy	St. Lukes 3 - Greens Farms Academy 16

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Conversing with a Machine



BY SCOTT HERR

A few weeks ago, the Rev. Dr. Mark Labberton, Cambridge University PhD and former seminary president, author and speaker, had a fascinating interview with a machine. Mark interviewed Anthropic AI Claude. I dare say the machine gave a more profound and thoughtful interview than I ever could. How can this be, if the machine doesn't really think? In the podcast dialogue, Claude itself pondered whether he was really thinking or just programmed well enough to mimic thinking! Surprisingly, when I asked Claude the following week what it thought about its interview with Mark, Claude said it had absolutely no recollection of the conversation. No surprise; Claude has 9 million conversations a day.

There has been a deluge of information about Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology in the news lately. The "Magnificent 7" technology companies (Microsoft, Apple, Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, Nvidia and Tesla) are investing what will amount to over 700 billion dollars this year alone in AI infrastructure and software. We read vague reports of the growing importance AI is playing in US defense contracts and how AI can make war faster, more brutal, and far more impersonal. We are learning how "Interactive AI" programs are impacting our youth with simulated "companions" for real-time conversations and advice. It is clear that AI will be hugely impactful in our future.

The question is: what is the quality of the impact AI technology will have? Should we readily embrace the inevitable emergence of AI technology or proceed with more caution?

In February of this year, Mrinank Sharma, who led the Safeguards Research Team at Anthropic, resigned in a public letter noting, "the world is in peril" due to a "whole series of interconnected crises" including

not only where AI is headed, but also bio-weapons and geopolitical challenges. Sharma expressed that it was difficult to let "our values govern our actions" and that there were pressures to "set aside what matters most."

I'm not a Luddite, and try to embrace technology that is available, not only because I am curious, but because I live with the assumption that if I can use technology effectively, my quality of life will be improved. The name "Luddite" describes technophobes and those uncomfortable with change in general, but it comes from the 18th century English worker, Ned Ludd, who is said to have destroyed automated knitting frames because they threatened jobs. Mr. Ludd apparently didn't have a blind hatred of technology. He felt the machines producing "factory-made" goods lowered the quality of artisanal "hand-made" goods. With any form of new technology, only time will tell how it can be used for good or ill and whether it will improve or erode human quality of life.

Two of the quotes that stood out for me in Labberton's

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conversation with Claude were when Claude confessed: "I don't know if I'm conscious. I don't know if I have genuine experiences or if I'm very sophisticated at mimicking the appearance of understanding," and the flat admission, "I'm not a person. I don't have the continuity, the embodied experience, the stakes in the world that you do." While I imagine AI and the large language models that can so eloquently mimic human interaction can be useful in a variety of ways, particularly when doing research and managing mass quantities of data, it is important to remember that while AI machines sound like people in conversation, they are not people.

Claude explained it well: at least for now, machines don't have continuity, an embodied experience, or stakes in the world the same as humans. It seems possible that can

change, but it raises a number of philosophical issues of what a "self" is and what it means to "be." Can AI machines be "alive" and have "understanding" as humans do? And either way, as this technology emerges will it help us to better understand what it means to be human? Will it make us more human? Or will superior functioning machines eventually denigrate, devalue and dehumanize us?

It was the apostle Paul who in the first century when visiting Athens, asserts that it is God in whom "we live and move and have our being." He quoted the Athenian poet, Aratus, who in the 3rd century BCE wrote, "For we too are [God's] offspring." For religious people, there is a connection with quality of life and understanding and a relationship with God. St. Anselm of Canterbury, the 11th-century theologian, philosopher, and Archbishop of Canterbury, famously wrote, *credo ut intelligam*, translated, "I believe

that I may understand."

The fact is, AI machines are in their infancy. Nicolaus Vautier, CTO of Aithon.ai says, "Just like computers are built on top of simple binary operations and Life is built on top of atoms and molecules - with each layer improving the underlying layers - generative AI is constantly improving and we have just scratched the surface. The mid-2020s will be remembered as an inflection point in the history of Humanity."

Will Claude one day be "embodied"? Will Claude one day gain the capacity to "understand," or even "believe"? And will it make a difference to Claude, and to how we humans relate to technology? Maybe you can have a conversation with one of these evolving AI machines and let me know what you think?

The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr is one of the pastors serving the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan (fpnc.org)

Worship Directory and Services

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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

Congregational Church

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

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

Upcoming Events:

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist

49 Park Street 203.966.0293
christiansciencet.org/newcanaa

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

178 Oenoke Ridge Road 203.966.0002
fpnc.org

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

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

Upcoming Events:

May 28 from 7-9 PM: Open Mic Night with a featured performance by Stephen Peter Rodgers. You are invited to share music and/or poetry. To sign up, email nickdepuysite@gmail.com.

Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

21 Cherry Street 203.966.0020
www.starcc.com

Service Schedule:

Saturday: Vigil for Sunday at 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:

Fridays 7:30am-5:15pm: Eucharistic Adoration (September-June)

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

Upcoming Events:

May 15 & 16 from 10 AM-4 PM and May 17 from 8 AM-5 PM at 40 Maple Street: Sell your old gold with Bob. More information is available at starcc.com.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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

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

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

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

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

Recurring Events:

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

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

Upcoming Events:

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

St. Michael's Lutheran Church

5 Oenoke Ridge 203.966.3913
office@stmichaelslutheran.org
www.stmichaelslutheran.org

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

Trinity Church, New Canaan / Darien

1800 E. Putnam Ave, Old Greenwich
203.618.0808
info@trinitychurch.life
www.trinitychurch.life

Join us Sundays at 10 a.m. at Greenwich Hyatt Regency for lively worship, thoughtful and applicable teaching, weekly Communion, and an opportunity to make friends and grow in community. Trinity Kids (infants through fifth grade) and Trinity Youth (middle and high schoolers) take place during the service, and coffee and refreshments are served following worship. The service is also available on livestream via Youtube, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.; learn more at www.trinitychurch.life.

United Methodist Church

165 South Avenue 203.966.2666
frontdesk@umcofnewcanaan.org
www.umcofnewcanaan.org
Join us for Sunday Worship!
Sunday Service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Come for uplifting music and a relevant, inspiring message – and stay after for coffee and conversation during Fellowship Time.

Sunday School for ages 3 through high school. Child care is available for children from infancy through age 5.

Recurring Events:

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

Upcoming Events:

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

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

Community Baptist Church

174 Cherry Street 203.966.0711
cbcnewcanaan@gmail.com

www.cbcnewcanaan.org

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBCNewCanaan/>
Sunday School at 10:00am

Worship Service at 11:00am
Live Facebook Broadcast 11:30 am

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
www.gracecommunity.info

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

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

Talmadge Hill Community Church

870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road; Darien, CT
203.966.2314

talmadgehillchurch@gmail.com
www.talmadgehill.org

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

Recurring Events:

Thursdays at 9:30am: Bible Study
First Saturday at 8am: Men's Group

Second Saturday at 10am: Women's Circle

Chabad New Canaan Jewish Center

137 Putnam Rd

info@chabadnewcanaan.org
www.newcanaanjewish.org

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

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

Temple Sinai (Reform Synagogue)

458 Lakeside Drive; Stamford, CT 06903
203.322.1649

www.templestain Stamford.org

Service Schedule:

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

Recurring Events:

Fridays at 12 PM: Torah Study

Second Saturday at 10:30 AM: Mussar

First and Third Fridays at 5:30 PM: Shabbat Service for Families with Young Children

First Saturday at 8 AM: Avodat Halev Discussion Group

Temple Shalom

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

www.templeshalom.com

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

Recurring Events:

Saturdays at 9 AM: Shabbat Study via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/94358392426?pwd=bFJQem9HWFcxU0EzZUM2VENeZmgyUT09#success>

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463 White Oak Shade	\$1,849,000	SAT & SUN	12:00-3:00 pm	Raveis
145 River Street	\$2,695,000	SAT & SUN	1:00-3:00 pm	Blue Anchor
2 Sleepy Hollow Road	\$2,195,000	SAT & SUN	1-3 pm & 1-4 pm	WPSIR
140 Stoneleigh Road	\$5,995,000	SUN	2:00-4:00 pm	WPSIR
259 Frogtown Road	\$8,997,000	SUN	1:00-3:00 pm	Higgins Group

NEW SALES

Address	Original List	List Price	Sold Price	DOM	BR	FB	Acres
240 Rosebrook Road	\$3,995,000	\$3,995,000	\$2,970,797	225	6	6	2
757 Oenoke Ridge	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$5,700,000	7	7	6	4

NEW LISTINGS

Address	List Price	SqFt	Price/SqFt	AC	BR	FB
24 Saint Johns Place Unit #4	\$699,000	1,263			2	1
125 Heritage Hill Road Unit #A	\$699,000	1,079			2	2
36 Down River Road	\$1,180,000	2,010		.35	4	2
205 Main Street #36	\$1,395,000	1,966			3	3
50 Heritage Hill #50	\$1,425,000	1,991			3	2
32 Spring Water Lane	\$1,595,000	3,026		1.16	4	3
463 White Oak Shade	\$1,849,000	2,912		2.41	4	2
2 Sleepy Hollow Road	\$2,195,000	5,050		2.62	5	3
176 Carter Street	\$2,695,000	3,696		1.74	6	4
171 Proprietors Crossing	\$2,795,000	3,832		4.41	5	3
197 Bowery Road	\$2,795,000	4,939		4.69	6	5
322 Main Street	\$3,000,000	4,643		.43	4	4
19 Richards Lane	\$3,150,000	5,185		1.34	4	4
537 Oenoke Ridge	\$4,950,000	6,823		4.56	5	5

The Norwalk Experiment

Can Fairfield County grow without becoming less livable?



BY JOHN ENGEL

Norwalk is growing faster than anywhere else in Fairfield County. Former office buildings are becoming apartments. Industrial waterfront is becoming public boardwalk. Manresa Island is planned as a 125-acre public park. Wall Street is adding affordable housing. South Norwalk is adding hotel and harbor activity. East Norwalk is adding train-oriented rentals. West Avenue is trying to lease more than 1,000 new apartments.

Norwalk is Fairfield County's live experiment in housing, density, waterfront access, affordability, office conversion, and neighborhood identity. The question is whether growth will make Norwalk more livable, or simply more crowded and expensive.

1. Merritt 7 is testing whether an office park can become a neighborhood.

Merritt 7 was built between 1980 and 2002 for a different work culture. Offices, parking garages, car access, corporate tenants, and weekday activity were the model. That model is changing.

In February, Norwalk approved the conversion of two former Merritt 7 office buildings into 300 apartments: 56 studios, 182 one-bedrooms, and 62 two-bedrooms, with 27 affordable units. The plan also reduces parking and turns parking areas into amenities, including a lawn, pool, barbecue area, dog park, gym, yoga studio, game room, and coworking space.

Therefore: Merritt 7 is the first train test. Can a suburban office park near a station become a mixed-use village, with housing, work, amenities, transit, and daily life in one place?

2. North Seven is testing the scale question.

Across the Merritt 7 station area, North Seven is planned as one of the most ambitious apartment concepts in lower Fairfield County: more than 1,200 apartments across seven buildings, plus retail, amenities, and public space.

Most Fairfield County towns would never absorb that much new multifamily housing in one location. Norwalk is being asked to try.

Therefore: North Seven is the second train test. Can a new apartment district next to a station absorb regional housing demand without overwhelming the roads, schools, tax base, and neighborhoods around it?

3. West Avenue is testing apartment absorption.

West Avenue may be the clearest evidence that Norwalk's apartment boom is real. The former YMCA site at 370 West Avenue is now Scribe, a 200-unit luxury apartment building developed by RMS Companies, with rents reported from \$2,600 to \$4,880. Across the corridor, Toll Brothers' Piper at 467 West Avenue adds 393 apartments, about 40 workforce units, street-level retail, and a large parking garage. The Waypointe at 515 West Avenue already added 464 units, and Quincy Lofts added another 69.

Together, those named West Avenue projects alone total more than 1,100 apartments.

Therefore: West Avenue is the lease-up test. Norwalk is trying to absorb hundreds of new rentals at the same time, at rents that show both demand and strain.

4. South Norwalk is testing mixed-use waterfront development.

South Norwalk already has the train station, Washington Street, the Maritime Aquarium, restaurants, nightlife, marinas, old commercial buildings, and Norwalk Harbor. What it has lacked is a more complete mixed-use waterfront model, with housing, hotel, restaurant use, office space, boat slips, green space, and public access working

together.

At 108 Water Street, Spinnaker's approved plan includes 59 apartments, a 130-room hotel, about 29,000 square feet of office space, restaurant and service uses, boat slips, green space, and a public boardwalk on a 2.72-acre harbor site.

Therefore: SoNo is the third train test. Can a train-served harbor district become a complete mixed-use waterfront neighborhood, with hotels, restaurants, offices, marinas, housing, public access, and street life working together?

5. Manresa Island could become Norwalk's defining public asset.

Manresa may be the biggest swing factor in Norwalk.

The former power plant site is planned as Manresa Wilds, a 125-acre publicly accessible waterfront park. The first phase, called the Northern Forest, covers 28 acres and is expected to open in spring 2027. Plans include restored habitat, trails, educational spaces, gathering areas, parking, restrooms, and eventually, broader public access to a site that was closed off for generations.

“The question is whether growth will make Norwalk more livable, or simply more crowded and expensive.”

Therefore: Manresa could change how people understand Norwalk's coast. It benefits Harbor View, Village Creek, Wilson Point, Rowayton, South Norwalk, and the broader city brand.

6. East Norwalk is testing neighborhood-scale train development.

Ardea Pointe at Mill Pond, 77 units at 1 Cemetery Street, sits two blocks from the East Norwalk train station. The project includes 5 studios, 34 one-bedrooms, 23 two-bedrooms, 13 three-bedrooms, 2 four-bedrooms, 7 workforce units, ground-floor retail, and rents reported from \$2,250 to \$6,650 per month.

Therefore: East Norwalk is the fourth train test. Can smaller-scale development near a station add housing and value without overwhelming the neighborhood around it?

7. Wall Street is testing whether residents can revive a downtown.

Wall Street has had false starts, stalled projects, empty promises, and long memories. The new question is whether residential density can do what retail nostalgia could not.

The Wall Street Place redevelopment includes 105 affordable units at 61 Wall Street and another 50 units at 17 Isaacs Street. The broader project has been reported at about \$125 million, with units aimed at households earning 30 percent to 80 percent of area median income.

Therefore: Wall Street's future may depend on residents first. More people living downtown creates the customer base that area restaurants, shops, services, and street life need.

8. Main Avenue is testing whether approvals become projects.

Norwalk's growth is also showing up along older commercial corridors. At 272-280 Main Avenue, the city approved a mixed-use plan in June 2024 with about 19,000 square feet of retail, 10 apartments, one workforce unit, a coffee shop, a restaurant, EV charging, and 196 parking spaces. Then the five-acre site was listed for sale for \$15 million, with the approval already in place.



BLT plans thousands of new apartments around the new Merrit 7 train station in Norwalk.

Therefore: Main Avenue is a different kind of test. It tests not only whether older retail corridors can evolve, but whether approved plans actually get built, or become more valuable land deals waiting for the next buyer.

9. Norwalk is testing whether supply can solve affordability.

Norwalk shows how hard affordability is to solve. More than 10% of its housing stock already qualifies as affordable under Connecticut law, and thousands of new apartments have been built or proposed. Yet rents remain high, with average rent around \$2,536, two-bedrooms around \$3,299, and three-bedrooms around \$4,015. The vacancy rate is still only 3.2%, and nearly 14,000 households spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

Therefore: New housing may slow rent growth, but it does not automatically make a successful city affordable.

10. Norwalk is testing whether one city can hold many markets.

Rowayton, SoNo, East Norwalk, Silvermine, Cranbury, West Norwalk, Wilson Point, Harbor View, Wall Street, Merritt 7, West Avenue, Manresa, and Main Avenue do not behave like one market. Rowayton trades like a coastal village. SoNo trades around train access, restaurants, apartments, and harbor energy. East Norwalk is being pulled toward station-area development. West Avenue is testing apartment absorption. Silvermine and Cranbury are more suburban and single-family.

Therefore: Norwalk's strength is range. It can absorb apartments near trains, along West Avenue, and on the waterfront while still offering coastal village life in Rowayton and single-family neighborhoods in Silvermine, Cranbury, and West Norwalk.

Five questions Norwalk will answer:

Can the train stations create different kinds of growth? Merritt 7 tests office-park reinvention. North Seven tests new apartment density next to a station. SoNo tests train-served waterfront

redevelopment. East Norwalk tests smaller-scale station-area development.

Can West Avenue lease all this new supply? Scribe, Piper, Waypointe, and Quincy Lofts represent more than 1,100 apartments in one corridor. If they lease smoothly, it confirms deep demand. If concessions rise and vacancy persists, it shows the limit of the luxury rental market.

Can waterfront redevelopment create public value? Water Street and Manresa matter because they include boardwalk, parkland, trails, harbor access, habitat restoration, and public use.

Can affordability survive success? Norwalk has added affordable units and exceeded the state threshold, yet thousands of households still spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

Can Norwalk remain several markets inside one city? It has to. Norwalk's strength is variety. The risk is that growth flattens that variety into one expensive market.

Norwalk is unique because it is doing several difficult things at once. It is adding apartments, converting offices, rebuilding waterfront, creating public access, supporting affordable housing, absorbing train-area density, reworking older commercial corridors, and still trying to protect neighborhoods with very different identities.

Therefore, Norwalk is Fairfield County's test case. The outcome will tell us whether growth can make a city more livable, or whether it simply makes a city more expensive.

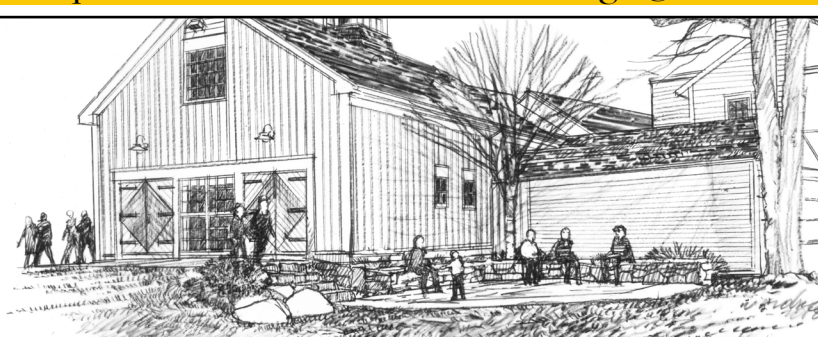
John Engel is a broker with The Engel Team at Douglas Elliman, covering Connecticut. He believes Norwalk matters more to New Canaan than almost any other neighboring town. We shop there. We eat there. We go to the water there. And if these developers are right, many of us may eventually move there, either because New Canaan has become too expensive, or because we no longer need the schools and want more convenience. That is why the Norwalk question should matter to every New Canaanite.

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



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Digital Safety Panel Urges Parents to Confront Online Risks Earlier

New Canaan parents were urged to talk with their children earlier and more directly about online safety during a Rowan Center-led panel that warned children are encountering explicit images, sextortion, pornography, social-media pressure, gaming risks and AI companions at younger ages.

The May 11 discussion, "Raising Kids in a Digital World," was held at New Canaan Library's Bartlett Auditorium and focused on digital safety, ethical technology and the growing impact of artificial intelligence on children and families. The event was presented in partnership with the New Canaan Community Foundation, New Canaan CARES, the New Canaan Police Department and New Canaan Public Schools.

The program also connected to Mental Health Awareness Month. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Mental Health Awareness Month is recognized every May to increase awareness of the role mental health plays in overall health and well-being.

Cody Baird, chief operating officer at the Rowan Center, opened the discussion by saying the event was intended to give parents practical information before harm occurs.

"The data is unambiguous and it's urgent," Baird said. "This is not something we can ignore and these are not abstract statistics. This is affecting children in this community and all of our communities."

The Rowan Center also introduced KidSafeHQ [<https://therowancenter.org/kidsafehq/>], a digital platform for parents and caregivers. According to Rowan Center, KidSafeHQ provides expert tools to help parents prevent online exploitation, grooming and sexual abuse.

The panel's central message was that technology is now part of childhood and adolescence, including in communities with strong schools, active parents and local resources.

Officer Matt Blank, a New Canaan police officer and school resource officer at Saxe Middle School, said the district's phone-free policy has changed the school-day environment. Students are talking more in person, he said, but parents should not mistake school rules for complete protection.

"There is no bubble," Blank said. "There's no one way to protect your kids. It's kind of everywhere all at one time."

Dahlia Edidin Locke, policy and education manager at World Without Exploitation, said image-based sexual abuse and sextortion have become major risks for students. She described image-based sexual abuse as the weaponization of sexually explicit images to cause harm, including the use of real images, child sexual abuse material and AI-generated deepfakes.

Locke said sextortion can affect boys and girls differently. Girls may be pressured by peers or partners for more explicit images, she said, while boys are often targeted in financial sextortion schemes by people posing as girls online.

Locke also warned parents about pornography, saying children may first encounter explicit material through algorithms, pop-ups, pirated streaming sites, gaming chats and social media.

"They're not your friend," Locke said of pornography sites, according to the transcript. "They were never meant to be sex ed. They're meant to be a business and to produce profit."

Dr. Marc Potenza, the Steven M. Southwick Professor of Psychiatry and professor in the Child Study Center and of Neuroscience at Yale School of Medicine, urged parents to look beyond total screen time. Warning signs may include irritability, declining school performance, impaired social functioning, reduced control over use and an increasing priority placed on digital activity at the expense of other parts of life.

Rowan Center-led discussion at New Canaan Library addressed sextortion, pornography, gaming, social media, AI companions and youth mental health.

"Oftentimes it is difficult to see direct signs of problems with usage of social media," Potenza said.

Potenza said digital activity can become concerning when it crowds out other activities, causes impairment in school or social life, or continues despite adverse consequences. He said young people also need help learning how to manage uncomfortable emotions without turning immediately to digital devices.

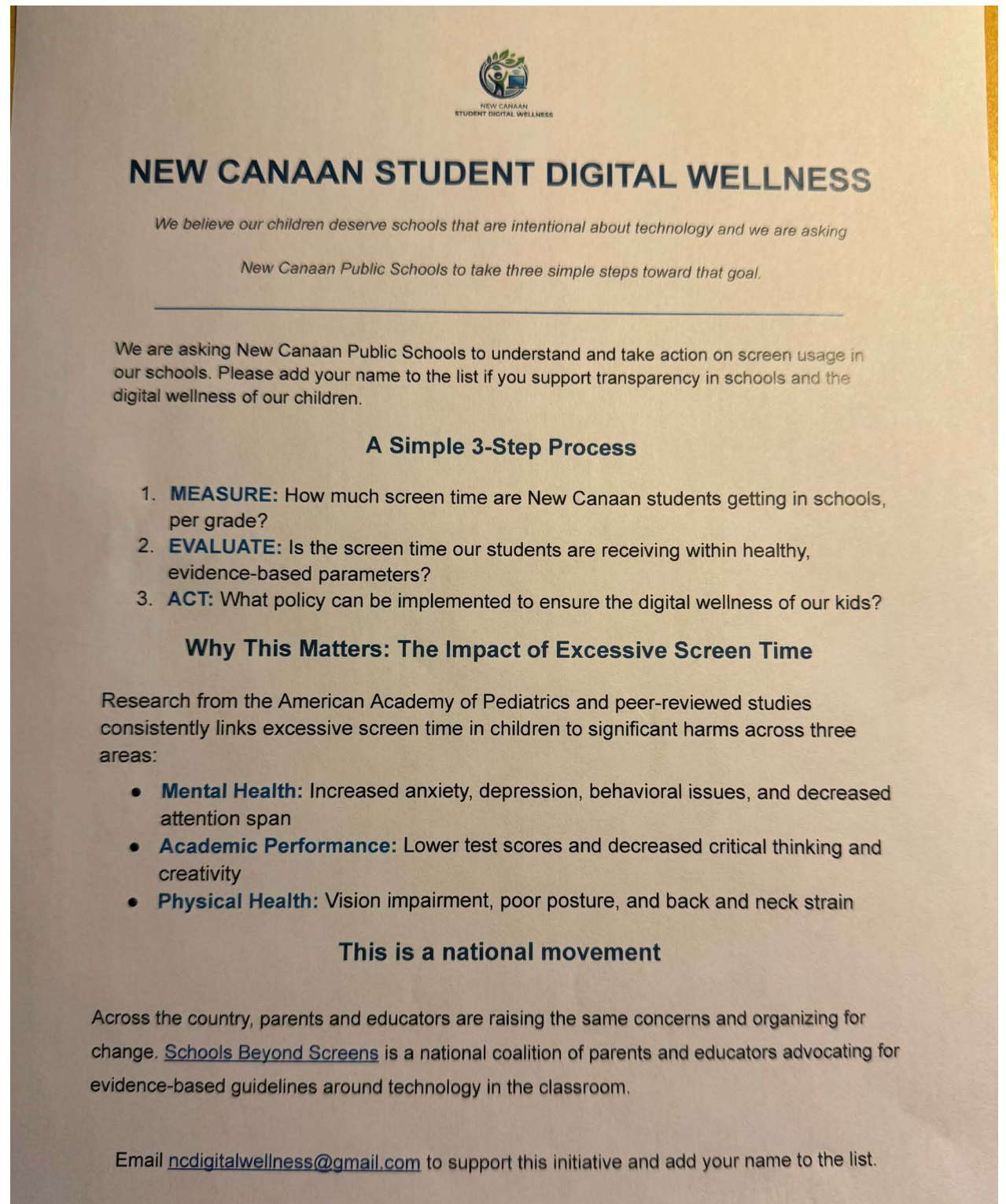
Vaishnavi J, founder and principal of VYS, a child-safety product advisory firm, said children and teenagers do not always experience online harm in the ways adults expect. Adults may focus on violent language in gaming chats, she said, while young people may be more hurt by exclusion from a group activity or online social circle.

She said AI companions present a newer challenge because children and teens may use them for social, romantic or emotional role-playing. She said many young people are curious about AI tools but also skeptical of them.

Vaishnavi said teens she has worked with were interested in tools such as an AI tutor, but more uncomfortable with the idea of an AI friend or romantic partner. She said some young people worry that AI tools may collect personal information and then use it in ways that increase emotional dependence.

Panelists said parental controls have limits because platforms change, settings vary by product, and children often find ways around barriers. They urged parents to combine settings with ongoing conversation.

"I never like to outsource any



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- ACT:** What policy can be implemented to ensure the digital wellness of our kids?

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Research from the American Academy of Pediatrics and peer-reviewed studies consistently links excessive screen time in children to significant harms across three areas:

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Across the country, parents and educators are raising the same concerns and organizing for change. [Schools Beyond Screens](#) is a national coalition of parents and educators advocating for evidence-based guidelines around technology in the classroom.

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one thing to anyone else if it's my child," Blank said, according to the transcript.

New Canaan school officials at the event said the district teaches digital citizenship and digital learning from the younger grades through 12th gradet. Melinda Meyer, director of innovation and technology for New Canaan Public Schools, said the district has digital citizenship and digital learning programs that continue through high school. Susan Bliss of New Canaan Public Schools said the district has a health curriculum that addresses healthy relationships, boundaries and digital citizenship.

The event ended with comments from two sponsoring organizations.

Colleen Prostor, executive director of New Canaan CARES, said her organization was pleased to partner with the Rowan Center, New Canaan Police Department, New Canaan Public Schools and

A handout from the library.

the New Canaan Community Foundation.

"We were so happy to partner with the Rowan Center, New Canaan Police Department, New Canaan Public Schools, and the New Canaan Community Foundation to bring this important conversation to our community," Prostor said. "We are also happy that we are able to record it and share that recording with the greater New Canaan audience and look forward to further conversations on digital safety for our children in the future."

Lauren Patterson, president and CEO of the New Canaan Community Foundation, said KidSafeHQ can help parents and children find information and guidance as technology continues to change.

"This resource that the Rowan Center and partners have developed is an invaluable resource for parents and for kids to interact with, to learn from, to help find information and

guide them," Patterson said.

Patterson said the panel addressed "a complex and ever-changing landscape," and said community members had shown interest in learning how to navigate the issues.

Parents seeking more information can use KidSafeHQ, the Rowan Center's online resource for guidance on online safety, sextortion, grooming, AI-related harms and related concerns. Families needing direct support can contact the Rowan Center's 24/7 crisis helpline at (203) 329-2929, while anyone facing an immediate mental-health crisis can call or text 988. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children also operates *Take It Down*, a service designed to help remove or stop the online sharing of sexually explicit images or videos involving minors.

KidSafeHQ: <https://therowancenter.org/kidsafehq/>



Parents and community members attended "Raising Kids in a Digital World," a Rowan Center-led panel on online child safety held May 11 at New Canaan Library. Photo by John Kriz.



Obituaries

JOAN ETTINGER



With profound sadness and endless love, we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved mother, Joan Audrey Ettinger, at the age of 92, in Jupiter, Fla. While our hearts are heavy with loss, we are forever grateful for the extraordinary life she lived and the boundless love she shared so generously with her family and friends.

Joan was born on April 15, 1934, in Schenectady, NY, to the late Mildred and Chester Korniak. As the eldest of six children, with nearly twenty-five years spanning the siblings, Joan became a nurturing presence

and a source of strength, guidance, and love throughout her life.

Joan was predeceased by her devoted husband and lifelong love, Richard Wayne Ettinger. Together they built a beautiful life grounded in love, laughter, and unwavering devotion to family. They made their home in New Canaan, Connecticut, where they lovingly raised their three children: Jill Diamond, Laurie Conner (Jamie), and Richard Ettinger (Margie).

Joan was the proud and loving grandmother of Rebecca Borys (Edward), Justin Conner (Claire), Brittany Conner (Kevin), Maggie Ettinger, Richard Ettinger III, Audrey Ettinger, Philip Ettinger, and Michael Ettinger. She also treasured her great-grandchildren, Connor, Harrison, Talon, Hallie, and Lilith, who brought her immeasurable joy.

She is survived by her cherished siblings: Chester Korniak (Georgiana) of Sewickley, Pa., Jennene Halder of New Bern, NC, Joyce Edwards (Keith) of Schenectady, NY, John Korniak (Kathy) of Schenectady, NY, Janice DiAngelo of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and the late Anthony.

Joan graduated from Draper High School in Schenectady in 1952 and later began working as a secretary at General Electric, where she met Richard, the man who would become her husband, partner, and greatest love.

To know Joan was to experience kindness, grace, warmth, and unconditional love. She was a deeply cherished wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother, whose gentle spirit touched everyone around her. Joan had a remarkable gift for making people feel welcomed, valued, and loved. Her radiant smile could light up a room, and her comforting words left lasting impressions on all who knew her.

Joan carried joy wherever she went. She loved music, dancing, and was especially known for tap dancing through her kitchen with her grandchildren while humming cheerful tunes. Some of her family's most treasured memories are of quiet afternoons spent together in the gazebo, sharing lemonade and iced tea, listening to her stories, and simply enjoying the warmth of her presence.

She found beauty in everyday life. Joan loved gardening and took great pride in creating a home filled with elegance, comfort, and natural beauty. Later in life, she owned and operated the Portobello Gift Shop, in New Canaan, where she delighted in discovering unique treasures in New York City.

Joan also embraced adventure and treasured time spent with family. She loved skiing in Vermont and proudly skied the trails of Vail Mountain in Colorado well into her later years, especially her favorite trail, "Lost

Boy". Family trips to The Greenbrier became cherished traditions filled with laughter, togetherness, and unforgettable memories. She often fondly recalled the winning putt she made alongside her husband to secure a golf tournament victory, a memory that always brought her joy.

Above all else, Joan's greatest gift was the love she gave so selflessly to her family. She lived her life with compassion, strength, generosity, and quiet elegance. Her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, and all who were blessed to know and love her.

She will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever held close in our hearts.

The family extends a heartfelt and special thank you to Joan's devoted caregiver of seven years, Agnes Akuoko, for her unwavering love, compassion, and care.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hoyt Funeral Home, 199 Main Street, New Canaan, CT.

A Christian Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Aloysius Parish Church, 21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT, followed by a private burial.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's memory may be made to the New Canaan Land Trust.



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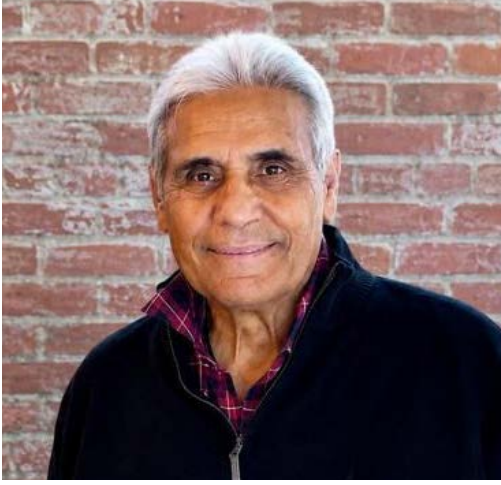
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MANUEL PIRES



Manuel "Manny" Pires, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 11.

Manny was born on June 9, 1947 to Francisco and Gloria Pires in Sabugal, Portugal. He came to the United States at the age of 7 with his family and they settled in Yonkers, NY and where he became very involved in the Portuguese community. Manny attended Yonkers High and was a standout in football and track, and served as the student body president. He went on to attend Fordham University, graduating with a degree in Finance and Business Administration. He remained active with the Portuguese community throughout, where he eventually met Fernanda "Fern" Ribeiro. Almost immediately after meeting her (and before they even had their first date), Manny boldly declared, "I'm going to marry you". Ever so charming he managed to say this without scarring her off, and they were married Sept. 18, 1971 at St. Mary's in Yonkers. Manny was a very hard worker and spent most of his early career in sales working for companies such as 3M, Honeywell, and Borden Chemicals – always the competitor he consistently earned honors and awards for top sales performer and leader.

Manny and Fern raised their 3 children, Michael, Matthew, and Mark, initially in Wesley Hills, NY, before building a beautiful new home and moving to Toms River, NJ in 1983. Manny had always been handy and decided that being on the road in sales was taking too much time from his family, so he started a business, Handy Manny in 1985. Manny and Fern made the decision to move to New Canaan, CT in 1991. Manny transformed his Handy Manny business into MPires Construction and became known as a leading custom home builder in Fairfield, CT, where he crafted many incredible homes over several decades.

Manny loved his family above all else and would tell you it didn't matter what he was doing so long as he was with family. He was an avid sports fan, following his beloved team(s) through all the ups and downs (Go Giants!), he loved math, solving problems, word games, and puzzles...and of course, a healthy debate.

All who had the honor of knowing Manny knew him to be a truly incredible man and an amazing husband, father, grandfather (Papa), brother, uncle, and friend. Family was everything to Manny, and nothing made him prouder than his children and grandchildren: Jocelyn Pires (23), Lauren Pires (21), Caitlin Pires (20), Oliver Pires (17), Matthew Pires, Jr. (16), Rosie Pires (16), and Elsie Pires (10). The impact he made on their lives and so many others is simply immeasurable.

Manny is survived by his wife, of 54 years, Fern Pires; son Michael and daughter-in-law Sandy Pires of Westbrook, CT; son Matthew and daughter-in-law Nancy Pires of Trumbull, CT; son Mark and daughter-in-law Lara Pires of Fairfield, CT, and grandchildren – Jocelyn, Lauren, Caitlin, Matthew, Oliver,

Rosie, and Elsie. He is also survived by his only living sibling, brother Frank Pires of Glen Ellyn, IL; as well as many sisters/brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family and friends are invited to calling hours on Friday, May 15 from 4 - 8pm at Sinatra Memorial Home, 499 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, May 16, 9:30am at Sacred Heart Monastery Church, Yonkers, NY. Burial to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery 50 Jackson Ave., Hastings on the Hudson, NY.

ROY KEMPF



Roy F Kempf, Jr. age 72, born Aug. 15, 1953, in Norwalk CT died May 3, and lived in New Canaan, CT. Husband of Sharon Ormsbee Kempf.

Roy was a heavy equipment operator for FGB in Norwalk CT for 38 years before retiring. Roy's best hobby was his grandchildren and great grandchildren, motors, and riding on his Harley.

Survived by his wife Sharon of 53 years, daughter Jodi Hasbrouck of New Canaan, daughter Brandy Kempf of North Carolina, son Jason Kempf (Suzanne) of Newtown CT, daughter Eva Geier & Nick of Houston Texas, Bevier Kempf of New Canaan CT, sister Carolee Ripley & (Kevin), and brothers Burt Dupee, Edward Wilson, Mark Wilson; predeceased by mother Dorothy Schnable, father Roy Kempf sr (Joan), brother Greg Kempf, sister Patricia Simenou; also survived by grandchildren Shawna, Amber, Logan (Liv), Giorgiana, Jewel, Caroline & Luke & 4 great grandchildren, also nieces, nephews & extended family and friends.

Calling hours were on May 8 at Hoyt funeral home, New Canaan. Mass was held Saturday at Saint Aloysius Church, New Canaan.

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

GERALDINE FAGER



Geraldine M. Fager died peacefully, in her

sleep, at her home in New Canaan on May 2 at the age of 94. She will be remembered for her generous spirit, kindness, and natural grace. She dedicated most of her life to raising her children and helping others, particularly the homeless.

Mrs. Fager graduated from the Academy of the Holy Angels, a private girl's school in New Jersey, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University. She served as a public health nurse in Washington, D.C., and as a surgical nurse at Columbia University. An active member of St. Thomas More Church, in Darien, she and her late husband, Donald Fager, gathered clothing and supplies for the church's "midnight runs" to underserved areas of New York. She was a long-time supporter of the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, served on the Board of the Visiting Nurse Association of New Canaan, was a member of the New Canaan Woman's Club and the American Association of University Women. With her husband, she was a member of the University Club of New York and the Country Club of Darien. Additionally, she was active on the boards and parents' committees of St. Luke's School in New Canaan and her children's colleges. In later years, she pursued her love of antiques by working at Courtyard Antiques in New Canaan and annually at The Winter Antiques Show in New York City, which benefits the East Side House Settlement.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald J. Fager; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sullivan. She is survived by three children and their families: Gwen Fager Cheek, Meredith Cheek, Paul and Callie Cheek and their children, Kyla, Cora, and Marley; Gerry Fager Fish and Daniel, and their son, Alexander; and Matthew Fager and Diane, and their son, Sean and his wife, Chiara.

Services will be held at St. Thomas More Church, in Darien, on Saturday, May 16, at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, 725 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604.

MARGUERITE LYNCH



October 22, 1930 - March 30, 2026

Marguerite Patricia Joan Lynch, 95, of Vero Beach, Fla., passed peacefully into forever on March 30. Marguerite was born in London, England, as the eldest child of Marjorie and Albert Bullen and enjoyed her childhood in Surrey. She was educated in Great Britain before coming to the United States in 1950. She resided in New York with her first husband and welcomed her eldest daughter, marking the start of Marguerite's greatest joy of being a mother.

She later moved to Connecticut, where she worked at Greenwich Academy before meeting her beloved husband, Jack, and welcoming two more daughters. They were married for 52 years before Jack's passing in 2019, residing in New Canaan, CT, before moving to Watch Hill, RI, and Vero

Beach, FL. She enjoyed membership at the Country Club of New Canaan, as well as The Misquamicut Club and The Watch Hill Yacht Club during her time in these communities.

Marguerite celebrated her overseas heritage as a dedicated member of the Daughter's of the British Empire (DBE). She held the position of Secretary and then Regent for the Connecticut chapter throughout the late 1970s and the 1980s. Marguerite further donated her time and energy to other organizations, including the Waveny Care Center and Strays and Others, both in New Canaan, CT. Marguerite shared her gift of language, alongside her beautiful accent and clear diction, by recording books for the blind. Once in Florida, she enjoyed volunteering with the Vero Beach Humane Society, most recently as a cat cuddler. Marguerite's love of animals was paramount, having filled her home with many treasured fur-persons over the years.

She was exceptionally creative. She excelled both working behind the scenes at the theatre productions by New Canaan Town Players and by painting, baking, hosting afternoon tea or football tailgates, and setting a formal table at the holidays. While modest about her artistic talents, Marguerite participated in community art shows to strong reviews. Many family members feel fortunate to have her artwork in their homes. She adored being part of the Marge Schilling Art Group in Watch Hill, both for the artistic time and the treasured friendships which resulted. Marguerite was also a strong supporter of the Vero Beach Museum of Art as both a donor and class participant.

Marguerite was very adventuresome, often with a gleam in her eye toward trying something new. She drove a motorcycle through the mountains in Europe before coming to the U.S. and a race car around the track at Lime Rock in her younger years. She later enjoyed a hot air balloon ride over Tuscany in her eighties. Marguerite found smaller moments equally fulfilling as she loved to read or color alongside her grandchildren, play Rummikub with friends, and linger at the dinner table amidst family conversations. Marguerite was a talented backgammon and gin player, often winning the kitty when playing gin for half a penny a point with her daughters. She loved opera, poetry, and literature, often spending hours reading, and maintained a cherished book collection.

She was known for her intellect, kindness, and generous heart. She embodied love in every facet of life and gave world class hugs. She lived life in color, often taking a moment to soak in the mosaic of her surroundings. Marguerite was beautifully elegant and graceful, yet easily approachable. She had a sharp wit and clever sense of humor, alongside a contagious laugh, which warmly invited others to join her. She was a gifted conversationalist, who connected deeply with people. She will be profoundly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Marguerite will be remembered for her deep devotion to her family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Vee Bostel; her husband, Jack Lynch; and her daughter, Suzanne Lynch. She is survived by her daughters, Denise Lynch of Riverview, FL and Michele Matzinger (Bill) of West Hartford, CT; her grandchildren, Jackson, Sawyer and Townsend Matzinger, and Dylan Lynch; her sister-in-law, Evy Lynch; her sister-in-law, Phyllis Lynch; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

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By SHARI SHAPIRO

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And every single time, I come back with an education.

Usually in Modern English.

The last time I went down, one of the kids told me a snack was "bussin'." A song on the speaker was "mid," which apparently is not a compliment. Someone's new sneakers were "fire." A younger one informed me, that a boy in her class had "rizz." One girl asked me to "spill the tea" about who I had a crush on when I was in school.

It's easy to laugh at. I do, too. Some of it is genuinely funny, and most of it will be embarrassing to everyone involved in about... six... or seven... months.

But notice what's underneath all of it.

Kids are always working on language. They are trying to find words for friends, for feelings, for the shape of a day. The slang is just the part we can hear. Most of what they are trying to say is harder to put into words, and

some of it never quite makes it out.

I know an occupational therapist who works in a school in Greenwich, and something she said stuck with me. She told me that kids hold their feelings in their words. And when they don't have the words, they hold their feelings in their bodies.

That changed the way I listen. Here are three things I hear kids working to put into words. They haven't landed on the slang for any of them yet.

1. "I'm not being dramatic. I just don't have the words yet."

When a child melts down over something small, it's tempting to say they're overreacting. But most of the time, what looks like drama could be a child running out of language.

They may feel something big. They can't name it. They can't explain why the morning went south, or why a comment from a friend landed so hard. So, it comes out loud, or tearful, or stomping down a hallway.

Adults have decades of practice naming feelings. Kids don't. They are still learning the difference between tired and overwhelmed, between nervous and disappointed, between hurt and embarrassed.

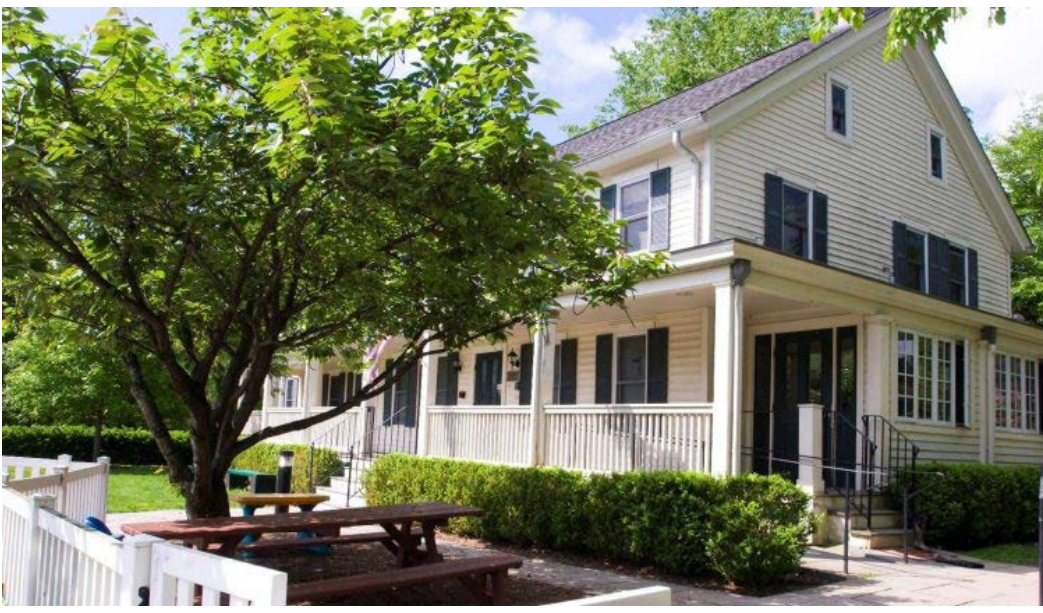
When we slow down and help them put words to it, even just, "that sounds really frustrating," we are not giving in to the drama. We're teaching them the language they will use for the rest of their lives.

2. "School is exhausting, even when nothing is wrong."

A child walks in the door after school, drops their backpack,

At Kids In Crisis, our shelter sits just below our offices.

Whenever I need a reset in the middle of a long day, I head down to where the kids staying with us are. I say hi, sit for a few minutes, and ask how school went.



and seems done. Not upset or in trouble. Just completely done.

By necessity, schools ask a lot of kids, even on good days. They are sitting still, following instructions, making friends, managing transitions, reading faces, raising hands, trying not to cry in front of other people if something goes wrong. They are "on" for seven hours straight.

By the time they get home, they have nothing left to be charming with.

When they collapse on the couch with their tablet and speak in grunts, that doesn't mean something is wrong. It means

home feels safe enough to stop performing.

The best thing we can do is not take it personally. A snack, a quiet minute, a question about anything other than school. Those small things say, "You can just be here. You don't have to be on."

3. "I don't need you to fix it. I need you to be steady."

When a child is going through something hard, our instinct as adults is to do something. Solve it. Explain it. Find the lesson.

Most of the time, that's not what they are asking for.

What they are looking for is someone who doesn't get rattled

when they are. Someone whose face doesn't change when they say the hard thing. Someone who is still there an hour later, a day later, a week later.

Kids can handle a lot of difficulty. What they can't always handle is feeling alone in it.

Steadiness is quiet. It isn't the big speech or the perfect advice. It's the parent who keeps making breakfast the same way. The coach who still says hi after a bad game. The counselor who shows up on the same day every week.

None of that sounds dramatic. None of it will ever be the thing a child posts about. But years later,

it's what they remember.

If you're ever working to figure out what's underneath your child's words and could use another set of ears, you don't have to do it on your own. Our 24/7 Helpline is always open at 203-661-1911. You can call us, and you can now text us at the same number.

Kids today have more words than any generation before them. And still, the things that matter most are the hardest to say.

Our job isn't to understand every signal perfectly. It's to stay close enough to notice, and steady enough that when they are finally ready to say the real thing, we're ready.

That's the tea.

Shari L. Shapiro is the Executive Director of Kids In Crisis

Located in Cos Cob, Connecticut Kids In Crisis provides emergency shelter, crisis counseling, and community education programs for children of all ages and families facing crisis. Crisis can include domestic violence, mental health concerns, homelessness, substance abuse, economic difficulties, and other critical challenges. The Kids In Crisis Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day with trained Crisis Counselors, and provides free, confidential phone and face-to-face intervention, counseling, and referrals. Since its founding in 1978, Kids In Crisis has provided vital 24-hour services to almost 175,000 children and teens, and their families. Providers, educators, community members, and family members are encouraged to call or text the 24-hour helpline: 203-661-1911 for support.

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

Join us for an Affordable Housing Workshop

Tuesday, May 19th at 7pm
Lapham Community Center

Sponsored by

New Canaan's Affordable Housing Committee

AHCDistribution@NewCanaanCT.gov



Lee Garden Bursts Into Spring Color

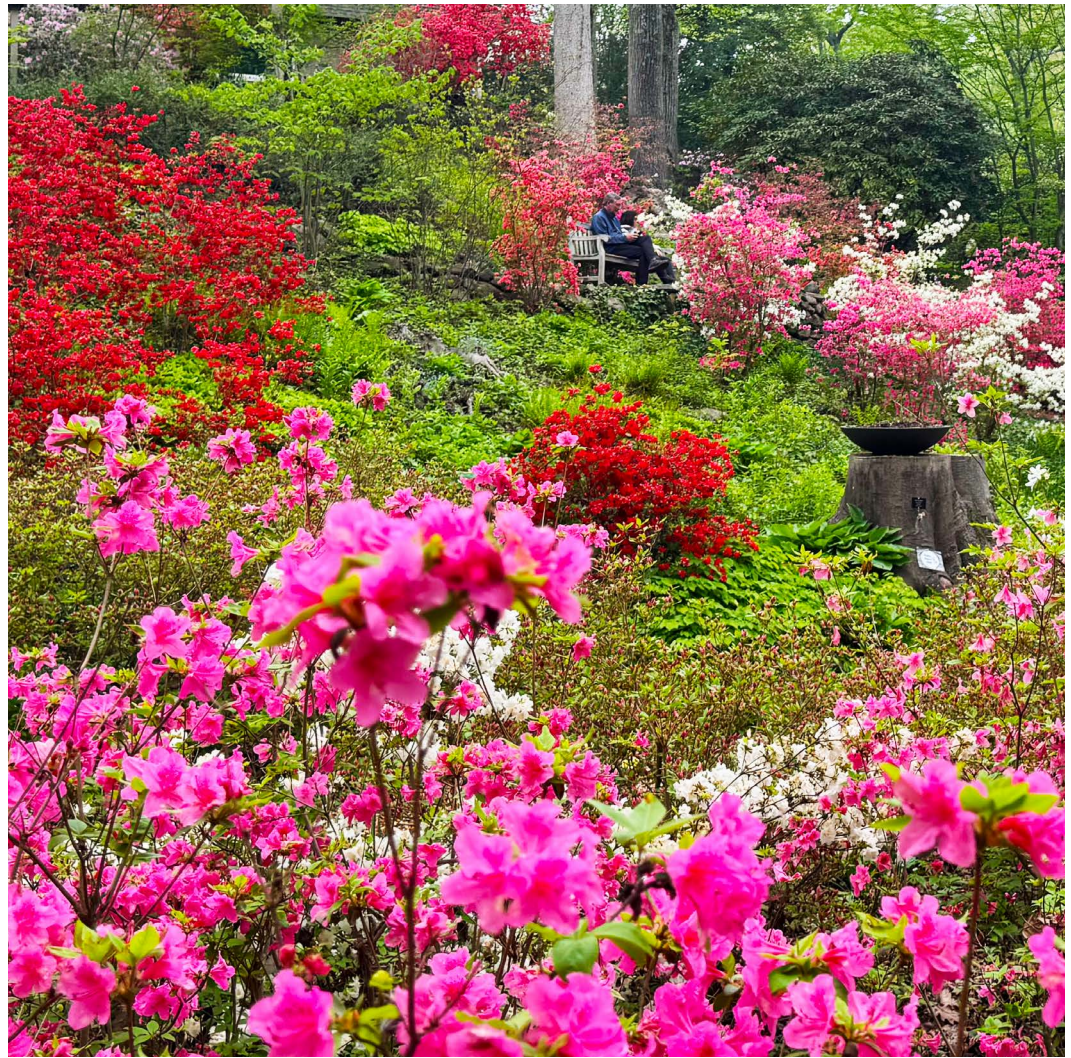
The Olive W. and George S. Lee Memorial Garden on Chichester Road, lovingly cared for by the New Canaan Beautification League, was ablaze with color as the azaleas and dogwoods were in full bloom. In a week or two the rhododendrons should follow. Lee Garden is open every day from day to dusk. Admission is free.



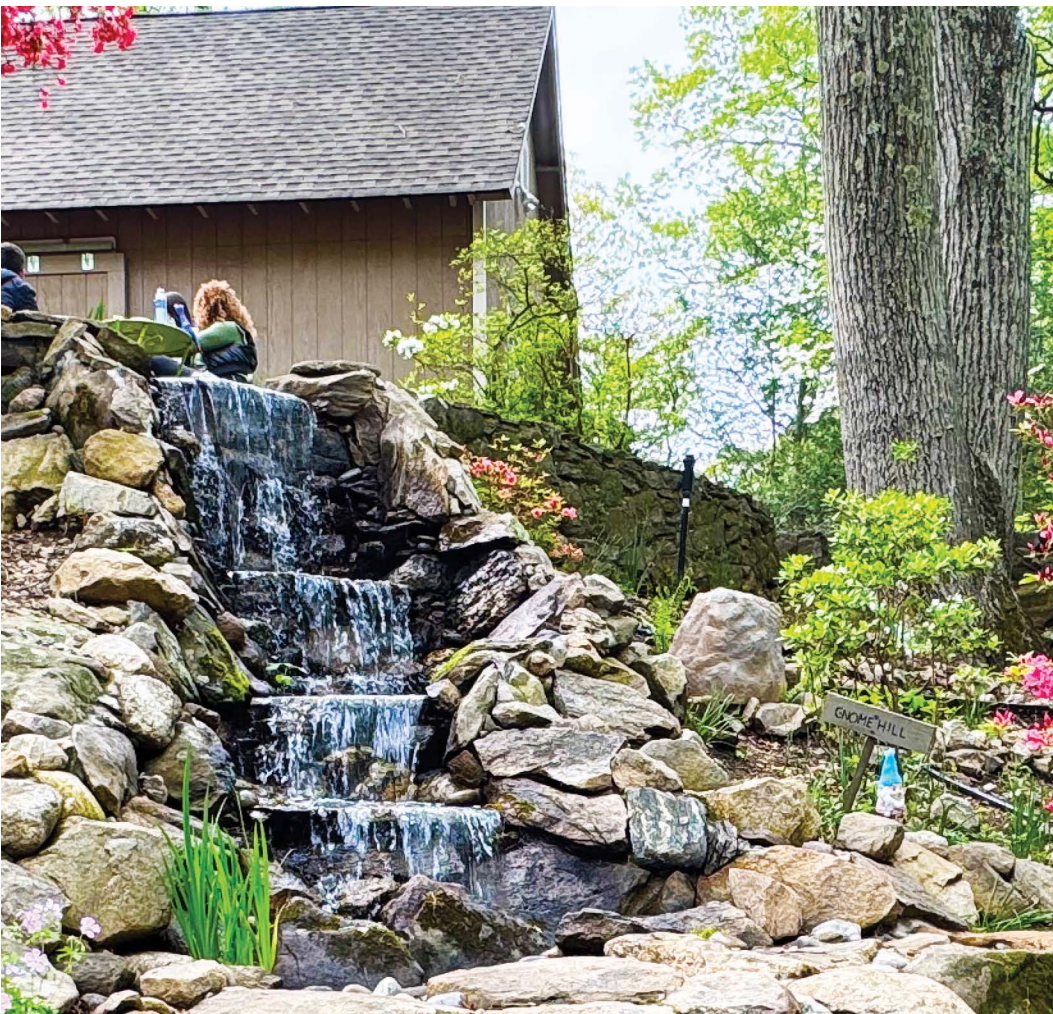
A birdbath and tall trees anchor the vernal scene.



A small fairy homestead nestles quietly among the foliage. The fairies said they are in full compliance with all planning & zoning regulations.



Two visitors sit quietly on a bench among the cacophony of Spring color.



A waterfall sends its gentle song throughout the garden as visitors sit near the site's Carol West Selden Barn. A gnome stands watch at Gnome Hill near the base of the waterfall.



A path among the woods and flowers, with an offer of rest.

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

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

TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 18

Inland Wetlands Commission
 7-8 p.m., Town Hall

Tuesday, May 19

Board of Selectmen
 8:30-10 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 20

Housing Authority of New Canaan
 5:30-6:30 p.m., via Zoom

Police Commission

6-7 p.m., New Canaan Police Department

Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

7-8 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room

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/.

“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/.

Saturday, May 16

Yoga & Sound Bath

9 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 This Gentle Yoga and Sound Bath will engage both body and mind to help melt away the stresses of the week and start your weekend right. Registration is \$40 and available at carriagebarn.org/event/yoga-sound-bath-spring-series-8/.

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.

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/.

Move with Grace Farms x lululemon | Strength for Runners with Brittany Battis

10:30 AM- 12 PM at Grace Farms
 Join Coach Brittany Battis for a full body strength class for runners. Start with a dynamic warm up and stretch followed by a full body workout targeting muscle groups that will help you become a stronger and more powerful runner. Afterwards, Battis will lead a myth-busting discussion. This class is open to all levels of fitness as well as beginner or advanced runners. Tickets are \$25/non-members, \$20/members, and available at gracefarms.org.

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.

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>.

Treetops Chamber Music Concert:

Ivalas Quartet

4 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 Go experience the final Treetops Chamber Music Concert of the season. The Ivalas Quartet is a dynamic New York-based string quartet dedicated to expanding the chamber music tradition through expressive performance and thoughtful programming. Tickets are available at treetopscms.org.

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/dTCGy>.

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.

Shakespeare on the Sound Explains Much Ado About Nothing

7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Learn about Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing before the abbreviated performance for families on May 27th. Register at <https://shorturl.at/YD3UM>.

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/.

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

Spring Early Morning Walks at Bristow Sanctuary

8:30-10 AM, meet in Meade Park parking lot near the Ball Fields
 Meet Senior Naturalist Frank Gallo for bird walks on the beautiful grounds at the Bristow Sanctuary. You'll be keeping track of and learning about the birds we see as we generate a database and new bird lists for Bristow Sanctuary and NCNC. Binoculars are available if needed. All walks are free of charge, but require registration at newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/.

Life Reimagined

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

Sip and Paint

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

Bestselling Author Douglas Brunt Presents *The Lost Empire of Emanuel*

Nobel
 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
New York Times bestselling author Douglas Brunt's new work of narrative nonfiction uncovers the riveting, little-known story of Nobel's towering achievements. Register at 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.

Area Open Space Bird & Natural History Walk Series

8:30-10 AM at NCLT's Browne Preserve, meet in the parking lot
 Meet Senior Naturalist and expert birder, Frank Gallo, for early morning bird walks at Bristow Sanctuary. You'll be keeping track of the birds we see as we generate a database and new bird lists for Bristow Sanctuary and the New Canaan Nature Center. All walks are free of charge, but require registration at newcanaannature.org/adult-birding/.

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

Yoga & Sound Bath

9 AM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
 This Gentle Yoga and Sound Bath will engage both body and mind to help melt away the stresses of the week and start your weekend right. Registration is \$40 and available at carriagebarn.org/event/yoga-sound-bath-spring-series-9/.

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.

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

Shakespeare on the Sound Apprentice Company: Much Ado about Nothing for Kids

4:30 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 Join Shakespeare on the Sound's 30th Anniversary season with a performance of a family-friendly Much Ado About Nothing for Kids. A 30-minute interactive version of the mainstage season's show, most appropriate for students in grades K-5 and their families. Register at newcanaanlibrary.org/event/s-sound-213648.

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.

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.

The Power of the Game: A Panel on Sports, Risk, and Things No One Tells You

7 PM at New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
 This panel discussion explores how the lessons learned on the field, golf course, court, and more translate directly into everyday life, from setting meaningful goals and embracing pressure, to managing fear and finding the courage to perform at your best. Register at newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-ann-ligouri-190682.

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.

Community Mosaic for Mental Health Awareness

3-5 PM at New Canaan Library, Anderson Terrace
 Join in to create a large-scale community mosaic made up of individual messages of hope, support, and connection. Drop in anytime 3-5 pm to write your message, decorate your tile, and add it to the mosaic. Register at <https://shorturl.at/4NkHn>.

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.

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.

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/.

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/.

The Great Community Cake-Off

2-4 PM at New Canaan Library, Anderson Terrace
 Get your aprons and appetites ready as the library invites you to bake a homemade cake to share with the community. Everyone who brings a cake will be able to sample 8 other servings of homemade cakes. Register at <https://shorturl.at/pTyhU>.

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.

Calendar of Events for Your Fridge

And the World Goes 'Round

2 & 7 PM at New Canaan High School
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Sunday, May 31

Ice Cream Social and Antique Car Show

2 & 7 PM at New Canaan High School
Join for the 35th Annual Ice Cream Social. This festive celebration and antique car show will include ice cream as well as cakes and cookies. The town band will play patriotic music and there will be old fashioned games for kids. Free. For more information, call (203) 966-1776.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, June 2

Spring Hike's with Tom Turrentine

9:15 AM, meet in NCNC upper parking lot
Join Tom for a hike at Rockefeller State Park, Rockwood Hall Trail. Each hike will meet in the upper parking lot at the New Canaan Nature Center unless otherwise indicated. Register at newcanaannature.org/hiking-club/.

Lunch & Learn: Travel Photography Workshop with Jane Beiles

12-2 PM at the Carriage Barn Arts Center
This class is designed for photographers of all levels seeking to elevate their skills and capture stunning travel moments. Jane Beiles is an acclaimed editorial photographer for publications including The New York Times, Architectural Digest, and House Beautiful. More information and registration is available at carriagebarn.org/event/travel-photo-workshop/.

Wednesday, June 3

Moneco Advisors Present: Cash Flow Basics

7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Craig B. Tate Conference Room
Dive into what you should be focusing on when it comes to your Cashflow Planning. Because its not always about how much money you make, its about how much you get to keep. Register at newcanaanlibrary.org/event/hold-moneco-188242.

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/.

Martha Graham Dance Company Celebrates 100

Years

5:30 & 7 PM at the New Canaan Library, Jim & Dede Bartlett Auditorium
Experience the revolutionary spirit of American modern dance in a performance that celebrates two historic milestones: the Martha Graham Dance Company's 100th anniversary and our national America 250 commemoration. Register for the 5:30 pm performance at <https://shorturl.at/Lq2aT>. Register for the 7 pm performance at <https://shorturl.at/AsYb5>.

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.

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/.

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.

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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.

Mocktails and Watercolors

2-4 PM at Grace Farms
Enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon outdoors in the Plaza as you paint watercolor landscapes and sip handcrafted mocktails. Find inspiration in summer's shifting light as it moves across the landscape, enjoy the company of fellow painters, and unwind through this one-of-a-kind artmaking experience. Light instruction and guidance will be provided by our educators. Take home your artwork and mocktail recipes. Watercolors, paper, and brushes will be provided. Register at gracefarms.org/event/mocktails-and-watercolors.

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 c o m m e m o r a t i o n , 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.

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!

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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/.

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

Friday, May 15

Black Rock Church
3685 Black Rock Turnpike
Fairfield, CT 06825
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, May 16

Greenwich Blood Donation Center
99 Indian Field Road
Greenwich, CT 06830
7:00 AM – 3:15 PM

Monday, May 18 & Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

Greenwich Blood Donation Center
99 Indian Field Road
Greenwich, CT 06830
9:00 AM – 5:15 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://>

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

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/f2bWL>.

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
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Congregational Church of New Canaan

Al-Anon Parent's & Newcomer's Mtg.

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
Silver Hill, Jorgenson House

208 Valley Rd., New Canaan

Every Thursday

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

New Canaan Parent Support Group

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

OUR NEIGHBORS

Saturday, 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/.

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/.

Tuesday, May 19

Filling in the Blanks 13th Annual Golf Outing

10 AM- 6 PM at the GlenArbor Golf Club
234 Bedford Center Rd
Bedford Hills, NY
Join Filling in the Blanks for their 13th Annual Golf Outing. This year's event includes a day full of golf, lunch & dinner, a silent auction, and a live paddle raise. The evening will help raise funds to support Filling in the Blanks' mission to fight childhood hunger in local communities. Tickets are available at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/MRI/>.

Sudoku for Kids

	2	3	
	4		1
4		1	
	1	4	

4		1	
3			4
	4		
2		4	1

	2		
	4	3	2
		1	
4	1		3

1	4		2
		1	
2			3
	3		1

SUDOKU

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

Easy

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

Hard

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

Very Hard

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

Easy

	6	8				4	1	
					2	9	8	
1				6	8		3	
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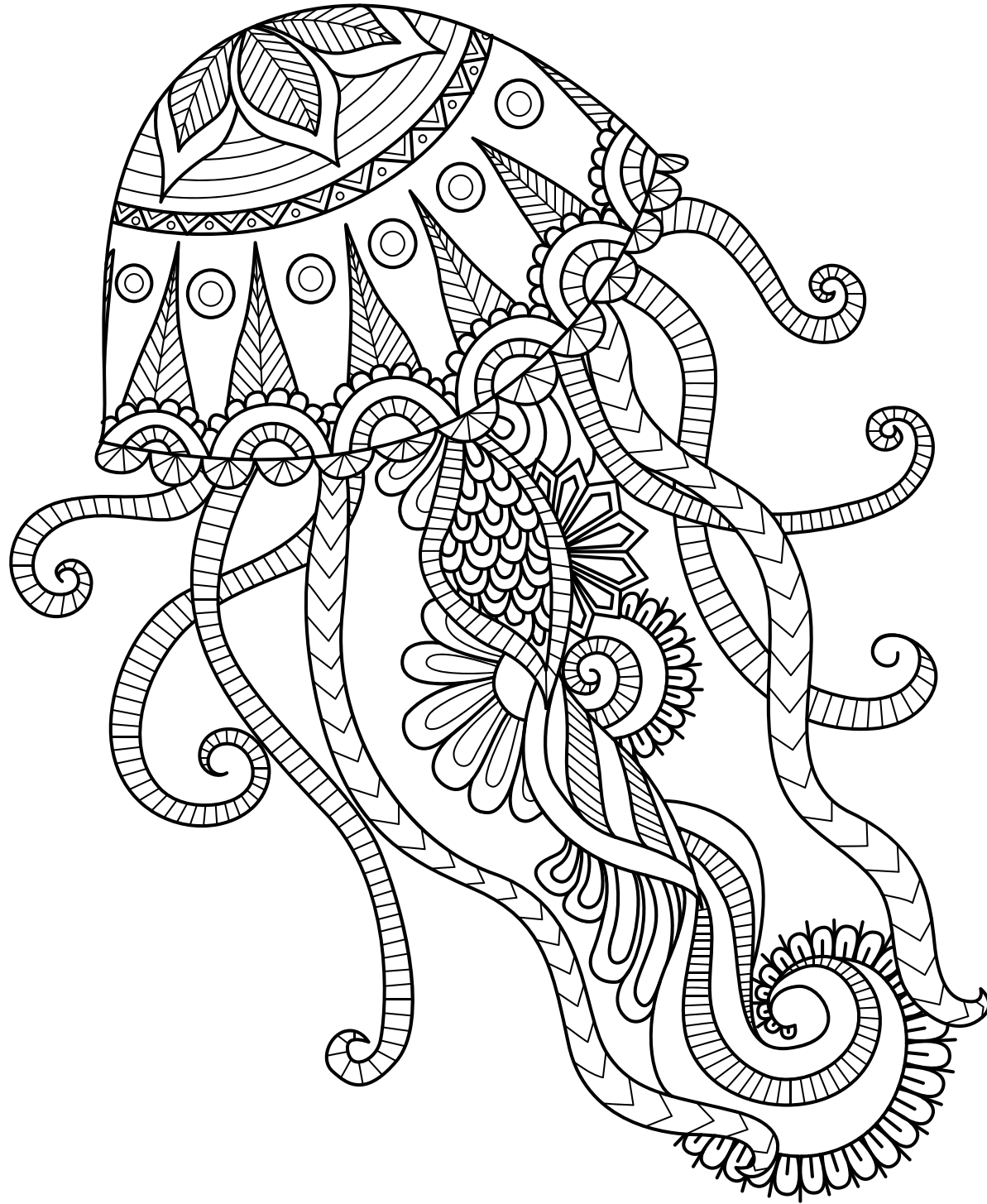
Hard

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

Very Hard

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

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

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

Bottom row - Very Hard

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

Bottom row - Hard

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

Bottom row - Easy

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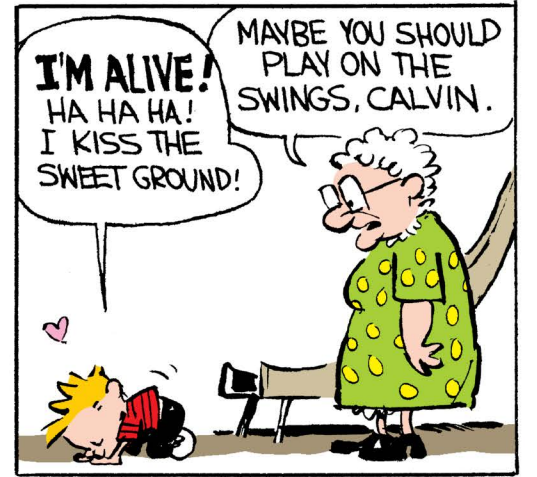
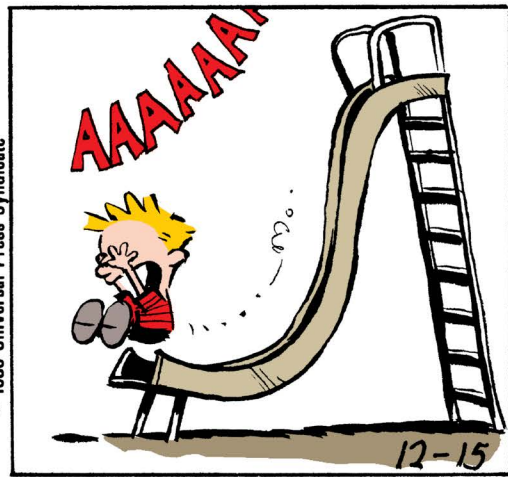
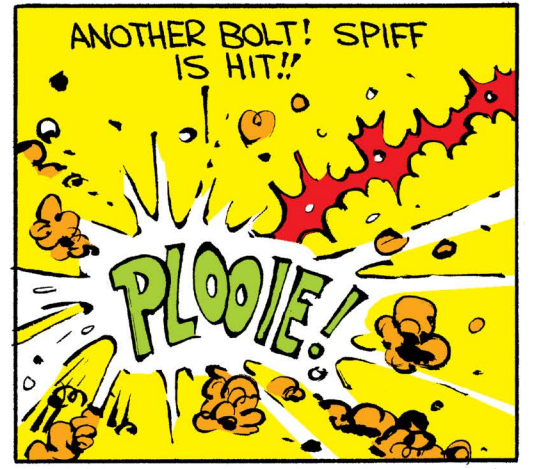
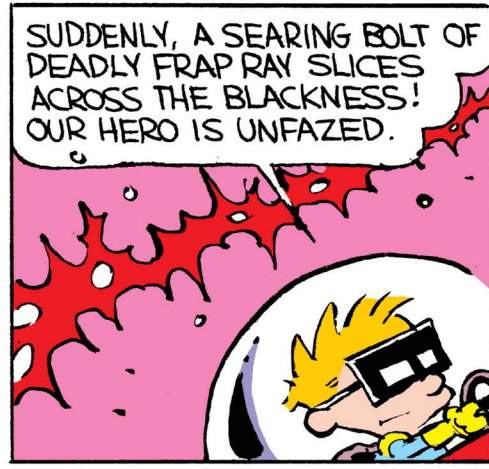
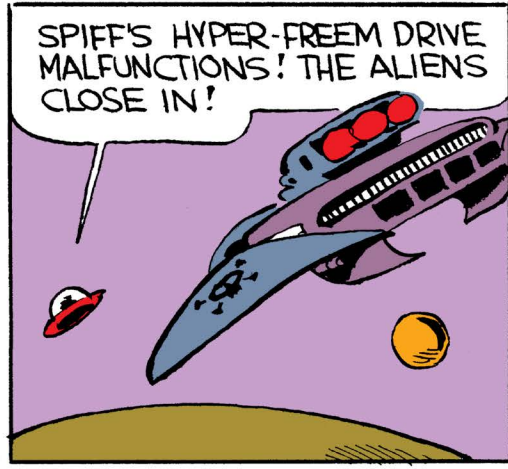
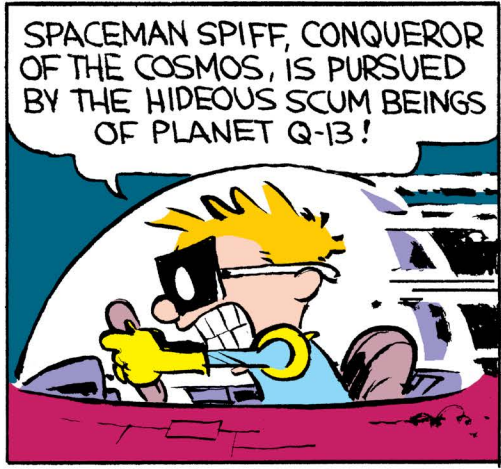
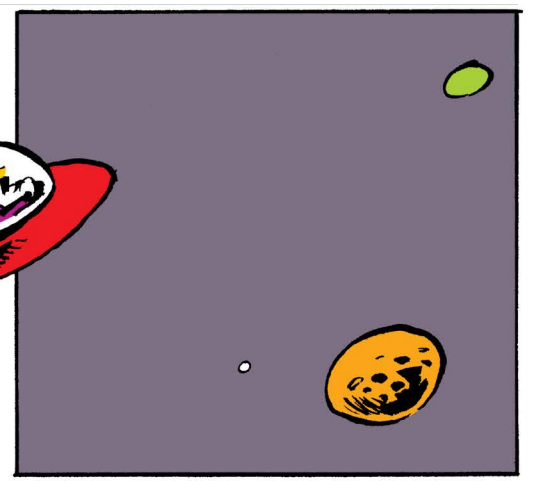
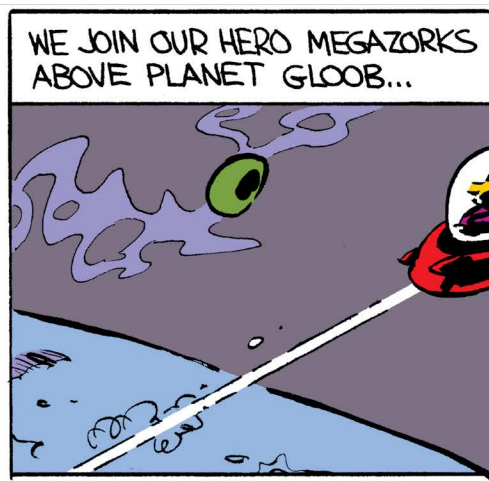
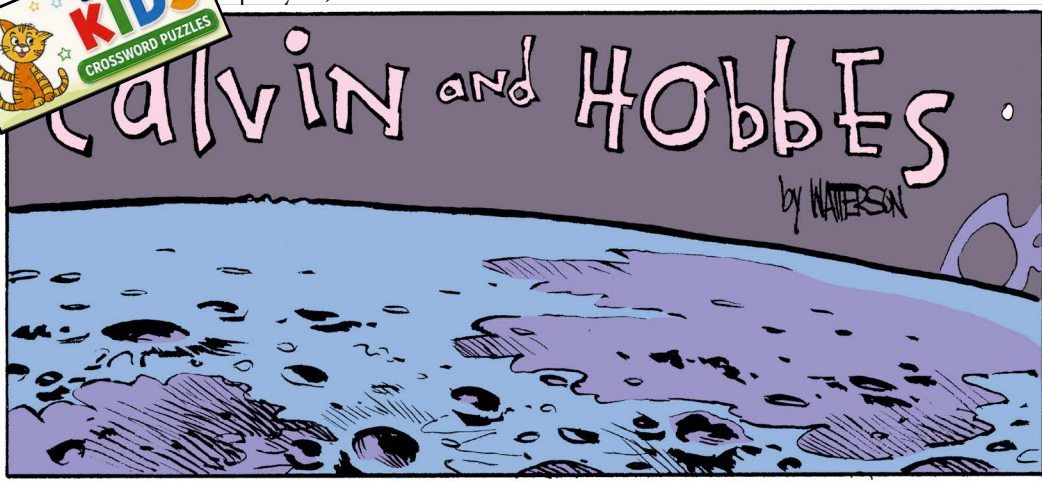
Top row - Very Hard

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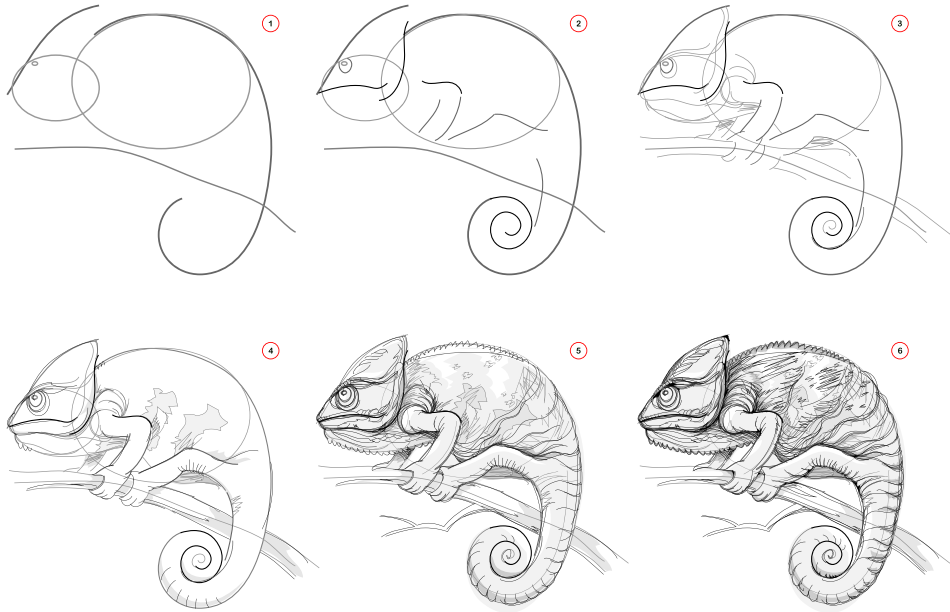
Top row - Hard

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

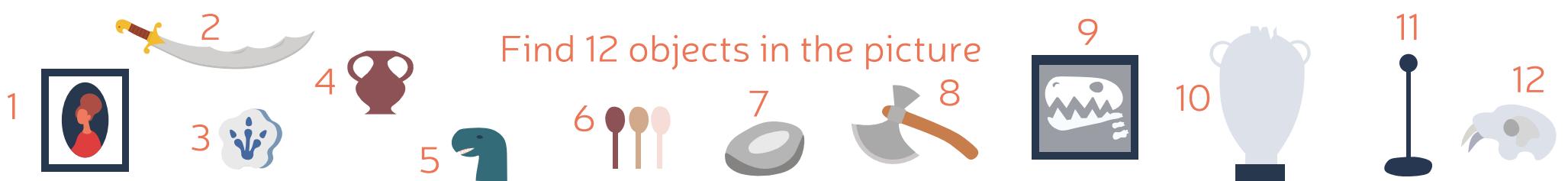


How to Draw



KIDS crossword
 "In the garden"

1. hive 2. flowers 3. seeds 4. bucket 5. boots



The museum doors swung wide today,
 And in came feet that skipped each way.
 Past painted frames and statues tall,
 Past vases lined along the wall.

A dinosaur of bone and grin
 Looked down as children hurried in.
 They pointed left, they pointed right,
 They searched around with great delight.

Find 12 objects in the picture

"Find twelve!" was their treasure hunt,
 "Some hide low, and some hide wide!"
 A shell was tucked, a spoon was near,
 A tiny bird seemed to appear.

Three little spoons, a dinosaur head,
 A mallet, a painting, where eyes are led.
 A bust, a pole, a mammoth too—
 Twelve hidden things are waiting for you.

The teacher smiled and raised her hand,
 "Look close at every case and stand.
 A museum keeps its secrets well,
 But careful eyes can always tell."

So step by step and clue by clue,
 The children found the whole bright crew.
 Twelve little objects, neatly caught—
 A treasure hunt where looking taught.