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New Canaan's humble beginnings date back to 1731 when Connecticut's colonial legislature established Canaan Parish as a religious entity in northwestern Norwalk and northeastern Stamford. The right to form a Congregational church was granted to the few families scattered through the area. As bona fide inhabitants of Norwalk or Stamford, depending on where their houses stood, Canaan Parish settlers still had to vote, pay taxes, serve on juries, and file deeds in their hometowns. What no one foresaw in 1731 was that the boundaries of Canaan Parish 70 years later would become the boundaries of a new Connecticut town.

New Canaan was incorporated in 1801 and the first town meeting was held on June 29 of that year. Because Canaan Parish was not planned as a town, upon incorporation New Canaan found itself without a village, a main street, a town hall, or a central common or town green. Until the Revolutionary War, New Canaan was primarily an agricultural community. After the war, New Canaan's major industry was shoemaking. As New Canaan's shoe business gathered momentum early in the 19th Century, instead of a central village, regional settlements of clustered houses, mills and schools developed into distinct district centers with the addition of a general store. Some of the districts were centered on Ponus Ridge, West Road, Oenoke Ridge, Smith Ridge, Talmadge Hill, and Silvermine. The village of New Canaan was to grow later from a similar district setup that proved to be located more strategically than its peripheral counterparts. In 1825, the first town house (now the historical society's library) was built on Oenoke Ridge.

With the advent of the railroad to New Canaan in 1868, many of New York City's wealthy residents discovered the quiet, peaceful area and built magnificent summer homes. After World War II, the housing boom brought more residents and many of the summer

visitors settled year-round, commuting to their jobs in New York and creating the residential community that exists today.

In 1916, the first carol sing took place on God's Acre and in 1928 the first traffic light in town was installed. The now iconic Moreno clock, standing at the intersection of South Avenue and Elm Street, was installed as recently as 1997 in honor of the late First Selectman, Louis Moreno, and in 2003, New Canaan elected its first female first selectman.

### Where did the name come from?

Canaan was a region within Norwalk according to the land records, and the Congregationalists chose the biblical name Canaan Parish when the community became a parish. Later, when the town was incorporated in 1801, it was called New Canaan since Connecticut already had a Canaan in the northwest part of the state.

### Where did "Next Station to Heaven" originate?

In the 1890s, editor Will Kirk of the Messenger wrote an editorial in response to area editors who chided him and New Canaan as the "next station to hell." An alleged remark by a parched Civil War veteran marching in the Decoration Day Parade on an unusually hot day prompted the exchange.

The remark was found untrue and Kirk, after enduring the comments of others, wrote about a "dream" of approaching the Pearly Gates in the company of his fellow editors. All others were turned away but he, Will Kirk, was welcomed, because he, in fact, was from the "Next Station to Heaven."

### Historic points of interest

**Waveny Mansion** on South Avenue was built in 1912 by Lewis H.

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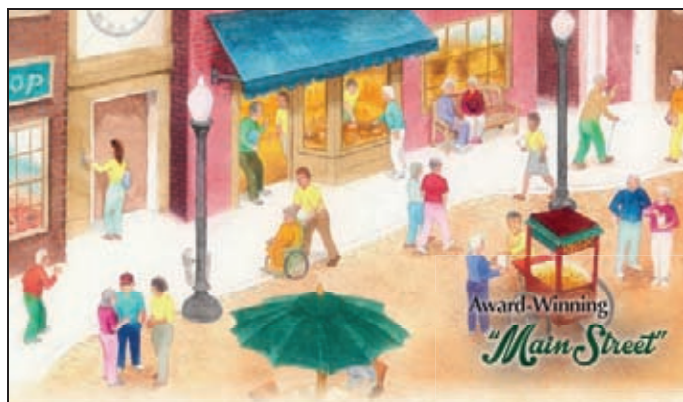
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An aerial view of The Big House at Waveny, built in 1914 by Lewis and Antoinette Lapham, the parents of Ruth Lapham Lloyd (1896-1984), who became known as the fairy godmother of New Canaan.



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Lapham on what had been Prospect Farm, an early summer estate. In 1967, the town acquired the "castle" and 300 acres of surrounding parkland.

The **Little Red Schoolhouse** on Carter Street was built in 1865. It was in use for kindergarten through fifth grade until 1957 and was the last one-room school in use in Connecticut. Through the years, it was maintained by the Friends of the Little Red Schoolhouse. It is now a permanent exhibit and program space for the New Canaan Historical Society. It will be opened on special occasions.

The sculptor **John Rogers' Studio**, a National Historic Landmark, and the 1799 **Rock School House** are on the grounds of the New Canaan Historical Society.

The **Philip Johnson Glass House**, also a national historical landmark, is on 47 acres off Ponus Ridge, owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and is available for tours. The Glass House Visitor Center is at 199 Elm Street. Call 203-594-9884; or email [contact@theglasshouse.org](mailto:contact@theglasshouse.org)

The **Gores Pavilion** in Irwin Park, known as one of The Moderns, was built in 1959.

The **New Canaan Railroad Station**, built in 1868, is one of the earliest surviving stations in Connecticut. Its Gothic Revival-style architecture is not usually seen in train station design in the state.

New Canaan has two national landmark buildings, the John Rogers' Studio and the Philip Johnson Glass House. Also listed on the National Register of Historic Places are the **Hanford Davenport House** on Oenoke Ridge, the Merritt Parkway and two private homes.

The oldest documented surviving house is the **Benedict-Eels-Thatcher House** on Carter Street, built in 1724. There are 230 homes in town over 100 years old, and on 88 of these, the New Canaan Historical Society has placed plaques. Three of these are on the National Register, and two have easements, preventing their demolition. Thirty existing houses date from 1772-1773 and are known as the Drummond Visitation Homes.

The historic district encompasses 21 buildings along Main Street, Oenoke Ridge, Park Street and Saint Johns Place. Included in the historic district are St. Michael's Lutheran Church, the Congregational Church and the Town House, built as New Canaan's first town hall in 1825.

## Town histories

There are many books that look at life in New Canaan from many points of view. Those listed may be purchased at the New Canaan Historical Society's library.

The society has published two town histories that are available at the society: *Portrait of New Canaan* and *New Canaan: Texture of a Community*. The society's 2006 annual, *I Remember the Old Town Farm*, chronicles life on a small farm in Connecticut a century ago.

*The Old Neighborhood*, by Mario "Ben" Benedetto (2009), is a short memoir about New Canaan's Italian-American community.

*A Guide to God's Acre* is a walking tour of the historic district, and *A Child's Walking Tour of New Canaan* is a historical walking tour geared to children. *My Impressions of the Hour* is a journal written by an early New Canaan teacher, Margaret Mary Corrigan.

*Recollections of a Most Worldly Neighbor*, John McDiarmid 1911-1982, was published in 2004 in recognition of 50 years of the observation in New Canaan of United Nations Day. *New Canaan Meets the Cuban Missile Crisis*, by resident Hudson Stoddard, was published in 2011.

*Reflections*, by Charlotte and David Brown, is the personal story of two doctors and their experiences caring for people in town, beginning in 1951.

The Harvard Five in New Canaan is a history of mid-century



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houses in town. It includes photos, floor plans and drawings of New Canaan's modern homes by the Harvard Five architects and others.

Another book focusing on architecture is Philip Johnson in New Canaan, featuring the architect and his famous Glass House.

Mary J. Kelley and the Little Red Schoolhouse is a booklet of student recollections and photos of New Canaan's one-room schoolhouse on Carter Street. It was compiled by Robert W.P. Cutler, a former student himself.

Engagements Abroad, a New Canaan Historical Society publication, relates the many connections the town's residents have had in other countries.

Canaan Parish 1733-2008, Profiles of Its Pastors, by William Gardner, a longtime parishioner of the Congregational Church of New Canaan, traces the history of the clergymen who were also early leaders of the community. The project was inspired by the church's 275th anniversary in 2008.

### New Canaan Advertiser's history

The first issue of the Advertiser appeared on July 25, 1908. The newspaper was the brainchild of John E. Hersam, and the fourth generation of the Hersam family is still active in the business. John E. Hersam's primary intention in publishing the newspaper was to provide information about New Canaan's baseball team that team members and townspeople felt was deserved but was not provided by the other paper, the New Canaan Messenger, which eventually ceased publication after only four years, in 1912.

John Hersam's motto — "Grow or Go" — proved prophetic as

the newspaper company has continued to grow in size and scope over the past 100 years. In 1997, Hersam Publishing merged with the Acorn Press to form Hersam Acorn Newspapers, with a stable of weekly newspapers in Fairfield, New Haven and Westchester counties.

The company, rebranded to HAN Network in 2015, has expanded into digital publishing and Internet broadcasting and now has 12 newspapers and 18 news websites.

### Genealogy research opportunities

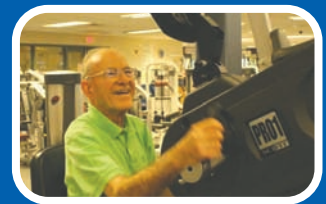
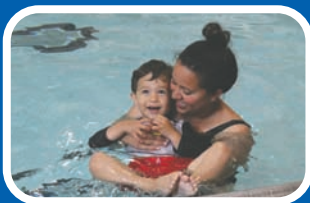
The New Canaan Historical Society Library of more than 3,500 volumes on genealogy and area history — including tax and real estate records — is housed in an addition in back of the society's Town House. There are also many manuscripts, deeds and local newspapers on microfilm. The library is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30. Appointments are appreciated. Call the historical society at 203-966-1776. Website: [nchistory.org](http://nchistory.org). The New Canaan Library is also a good resource for genealogical searches.

### New Canaan Historical Society

Founded in 1889, the New Canaan Historical Society, at 13 Oenoke Ridge, maintains and preserves five historic buildings, operates seven museums, collects and preserves materials of local historical value, supports varied education programs including school tours, special exhibits, and seminars, and publications on New Canaan history.

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A stars-and-stripes-clad girl leads two others across the lawn during the early evening picnic before the fireworks show, which started at 9:20 p.m.

— Dave Stewart photo

## *A Family Fourth second to none*

By Greg Reilly

New Canaan's Family Fourth is so much more than a town's fireworks.

The expanse of the Waveny property accepts the thousands of attendees with room to spare, and the multiple ways of entering the park prevents any bottleneck from becoming too much of a delay.

The Town Band, which was amplified and announced as the second oldest town band in the country, created a patriotic sound for the affair.

The moon was high and bright. The temperatures were perfect in the mid- to upper-70s. Picnics and party-goers were everywhere.

There were children's games, food trucks for all, glow sticks, and red-white-and-blue balloons, and, yet, with respect for the family holiday, there were no political campaign signs to be seen.

The Waveny Mansion was bedecked in Old Glory, and there were a few calls for parents to come to the bandstand to be reunited with



their children who became disconnected.

Many arrived shortly after 5 p.m. to enjoy the ideal weather, and there were people still trudging in with their lawn chairs just moments before the 9:20 p.m. first firework launch. In fact, people arrived right up to the grand finale 25 minutes later. Final crowd-size estimates were between 6,000 and 8,000 people.

And, yes, the fireworks display was magnificent in color and clarity, and powerful with warlike thunder. There were three particular launch spots in the one general launch area, which allowed for complementary choreographed showerings. Gold often provided a strong backdrop color for the huge red-white-and-blue blossoms.

Family Fourth, July 4, 2017, was second to no previous Family Fourth. The large crowd was well-behaved, according to one on-scene police officer, as the individuals policed themselves so everyone could just enjoy the holiday.



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The **New Canaan Playhouse** at 89 Elm Street is owned by the Town of New Canaan and operated by Bow Tie Cinemas. To find out what's playing, call 203-966-7908 or check movie listings websites, including bowtiecinemas.com, fandango.com, zvents.com, moviefone.com, etc.

Free Wednesday and Friday Films are offered each week at the **Lapham Community Center**. Call 203-594-3620 or visit laphamcenter.org.

### Theatrical offerings

The **Town Players of New Canaan** performs at the **Powerhouse Performing Arts Center** in Waveny Park. All shows are cast by open auditions. Call 203-594-3635 or visit tpnc.org. For tickets, call 203-594-3636. Stage II brings new talent to the Town Players. It is an opportunity for new actors, directors, playwrights and technicians to learn by doing. For information, email info@tpnc.org.

The **Summer Theatre of New Canaan** (STONC) offers a professionally produced summer theater, with a cast comprised of New Canaan residents from high school on up, as well as professional actors. All shows are performed at STONC's state-of-the-art, open-air tent theater in Waveny Park. There are design, crew, and intern job opportunities and volunteers are also welcome. Call 203-966-4634 or visit stonc.org.

### Musical offerings

The **Waveny Chamber Music Society** offers four concerts throughout the year in September, October, April and May, featuring elite chamber music groups from around the world. All concerts take place on Sundays at 4 p.m. at the Carriage Barn Arts Center.

The **Carriage Barn Arts Center** offers a concert series of contemporary folk and acoustic music. Visit carriagebarn.org. For reservations, call 203-972-1895 or email barnmusic@aol.com.

**New Canaan Recreation Department** co-sponsors the summer open-air music to the Waveny House south lawn on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, beginning in June. Picnicking is welcome. A schedule will be announced in June. Call 203-594-3600 for details. In case of inclement weather, call 203-594-3610 to see if the concert is canceled.

**First Presbyterian Church** offers free monthly Coffee Concerts, 30 minutes of sacred music and musical conversation with coffee and biscotti. Call 203-966-0002 or visit fpcnc.org.

### Singing groups

**The Blue Notes** is a women's group that performs in four-part harmony, mostly original arrangements of well-known songs. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Darien Community Association. Call Karol Lee Trismen at 203-656-1044, or email info@dariendca.org.

**The Park Street Singers** is a women's choral group. Rehearsals are held every Monday afternoon at the Congregational Church, at 23 Park Street, October to December, and then again January to June. No auditions are required. Call Margot Turk at 203-972-2843.

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**The Gentlemen Songsters** is comprised of members of the Men's Club of New Canaan, as well as several men from Stamford. They practice Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The First Presbyterian Church.

**The Fairfield County Chorale**, for singers ages 16-60, rehearses Monday evenings at 7:30 in Norwalk City Hall. Auditions are in early September and after any rehearsal; call 203-254-1333 or visit [fairfieldcounty-chorale.org](http://fairfieldcounty-chorale.org).

**The Pro Arte Singers** are a small group of professional singers from the area who perform choral music. All concerts are held at The First Presbyterian Church. Call 203-322-5970 or visit [proartesingers.org](http://proartesingers.org).

### Join the Town Band

The **New Canaan Town Band** is comprised of around 30 local musicians providing music for the town's annual Memorial Day parade, Fourth of July celebration at Waveny Park, annual Carol Sing on God's Acre, and other special occasions, as well as local outdoor summer concerts.

Anyone with band experience is welcome as a member. Some instruments are available for players who do not have their own. Call Graydon Pihlaja at 203-972-7430. Facebook: [facebook.com/New-Canaan-Town-Band](https://www.facebook.com/New-Canaan-Town-Band)

### New Canaan Society for the Arts

The New Canaan Society for the Arts sponsors Carriage Barn Arts Center in Waveny Park, home to art exhibitions and a variety of performances. The society offers art classes for adults and after-school classes for children. Creative Community Connections brings the arts to children in schools where the arts curriculum has been eliminated. Exhibitions are held in the Betty Barker Gallery (see below). Call 203-972-1895 or visit [carriagebarn.org](http://carriagebarn.org).

### Art galleries abound

The **Silvermine Guild Arts Center**, 1037 Silvermine Road, promotes art through exhibitions, classes and special events. Art instruction is offered to young people and adults in a variety of mediums, including painting, drawing, sculpture, and photography. Summer art camps are also offered. Membership is available to artists who are also expected to volunteer time at Silvermine. Call 203-966-9700 or visit [silvermineart.org](http://silvermineart.org).

The **Betty Barker Gallery at the Carriage Barn Arts Center** holds several annual exhibitions a year, including the judged Photography Show in February, the juried Spectrum Show in April and the Annual Members Show during September. The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Call 203-972-1895 or visit [carriagebarn.org](http://carriagebarn.org). Admission is free.

### Local museums

The **New Canaan Historical Society** (203-966-1776), 13 Oenoke Ridge, has preserved one of the most important collections of "relics and curiosities" in the Northeast. Founded in 1889, the society



Graydon Pihlaja was part of the Town Band that entertained, and the fireworks climaxed the evening of July 4th in Waveny Park. — Dave Stewart photo

features the Town House, which houses its offices, as well as the library, Costume Museum, Cody Drug Store, Exhibition Room and archival wing.

The Costume Museum features a presentation of 18th, 19th and 20th Century clothing and accessories in changing exhibitions.

The Cody Drug Store is an 1845 shop interior adjacent to the Town House. It is complete with its original fixtures, store merchandise and bottles.

The historical society's library, in the rear of the Town House, contains more than 4,000 volumes on genealogy and area history, along with a collection of manuscripts, deeds and documents, as well as local newspapers on microfilm and bound volumes of the New Canaan Messenger and the New Canaan Advertiser.

Also on the grounds are the Hanford-Silliman House; the Tool Museum; the New Canaan Hand Press — a recreation of a 19th Century printing office — the John Rogers Studio and Museum, built in 1878; and the Rock School, a one-room schoolhouse built in 1799.

Museums in the Town House are open Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit [nchistory.org](http://nchistory.org).

The Little Red School House on Carter Street is open for special occasions only.

**The Glass House**, designed by Philip Johnson, a 47-acre campus off Ponus Ridge, offers tours that begin at the Visitor Center at 199 Elm Street, featuring an exhibition and museum shop. Tours include a half-mile walking tour with access to the house, painting and sculpture galleries and Da Monsta. Tours run normally from April through October. For tickets, call 866-811-4111/[philipjohnson-glasshouse.org](http://philipjohnson-glasshouse.org).

**Gores Pavilion**, a pool house and lodge designed by Landis Gores in 1959, in Irwin Park, was recently restored and opened to the public. It features exhibit galleries showcasing the works of the famed "Harvard Five" as well as other local modernist architects. Call 203-966-1776.

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## Plenty of parks in New Canaan

New Canaan is home to a number of parks; some of the larger ones are listed below. A complete listing, including facilities and directions, may be found on the town website at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info).

The **New Canaan Recreation Department** (203-594-3600) has its offices on the second floor of Waveny House, located in Waveny Park. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office has some extended hours in the spring to accommodate the sale of photo IDs. Recreation permit forms can be downloaded from the recreation department web page at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info). The department maintains a fields hotline: 203-594-3610.

Town facilities are open to the public without membership or paid permits, unless otherwise noted, such as platform tennis and the pool. There are playgrounds at the three public elementary schools, on Hoyt Street, and in Mead Park. Playing fields are at schools and in Mead, Irwin and Waveny parks.

The largest park in town is the 250-acre **Waveny Park** between South Avenue and Lapham Road. It is the former estate of the Lapham family. Waveny Park includes ball fields, platform tennis courts, soccer fields, picnic areas, 3.5 miles of cross country trails, and the town pool. It is a great spot for picnics and nature walks.

**Waveny House** is available to local nonprofit organizations and residents for meetings and other events. Other buildings on the property include the Waveny Art Center, the Carriage Barn Arts Center, the Powerhouse Theater and the Lapham Community Center. Enter at South Avenue or Lapham Road.

**Mead Memorial Park** is a 24-acre park near the intersection of Mead and Park Streets. There are four baseball fields, a pond for skating and fishing, a batting cage, horseshoe pits, a playground,

and tennis courts. Mead Park Lodge offers handicap-accessible bathrooms, a full-service snack bar and tables.

**Kiwanis Park** is on Old Norwalk Road and is open from June to Labor Day. It includes a large pond for swimming and sunbathing and is the site of many camps during the summer months. There also is a playground, snack bar, restrooms and picnic area. Admission is by permit, available from the recreation department.

**Mill Pond Park** is at the corner of East and Millport Avenues and includes walking trails and a large pond for skating and fishing. The pond is lighted for skating in winter.

**Ed Dixon Memorial Park** is a small park on Hoyt Street with a playground.

**Bristow Bird Sanctuary** on Old Stamford Road offers a quiet spot to walk on wooded trails and enjoy nature.

**Irwin Park** encompasses 36-acres at the intersection of Weed Street and Wahackme Road and features a newly designed and surfaced one-mile trail for jogging, walking and biking. There are picnic tables and chairs available on the great lawn.

**Spencer's Run** is a 1.5-acre area where dogs may run off-leash and play with their canine friends. It is in Waveny Park near the Lapham Road entrance. All dogs must wear a town dog license and a current rabies tag.

*Except for Spencer's Run, dogs must be leashed in all parks.*

## Town swimming opportunities

New Canaan's community **swimming pool** in Waveny Park usually opens for the season in late May or early June. The town will be installing heaters this spring to lengthen the comfortable season of the pool.

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There is also a **swimming pond in Kiwanis Park**, open early June through late August. Photo IDs are required and available at the recreation office. Call 203-594-3600.

The **New Canaan YMCA** (203-966-4528), 564 South Avenue, has two indoor pools for its members and offers many swimming programs, including competitive teams.

### Swim teams, rowing clubs

The recreation department sponsors a **Waveny Pool Swim Team** open to children who are pool pass holders. Tryouts are in mid-June, with practices on weekday mornings from late June to late July. Call 203-594-3600 for details.

The **New Canaan YMCA** also has several competitive swim teams. Call 203-966-4528.

The **Maritime Rowing Club** is a masters program that also operates out of the Sono Wharf, opposite the Maritime Aquarium. The coaching staff is the same as at New Canaan Crew. It has programs for experienced rowers as well as learn-to-row programs for beginning adult. There are competitive and recreational programs. The boathouse includes a fully equipped fitness center and is open year round. Applications and more information may be found at [maritimerowing.com](http://maritimerowing.com). You may also call 203-854-5492 or email [mcrowing@aol.com](mailto:mcrowing@aol.com).

The **Norwalk River Rowing Association** (203-866-0080) offers instructional, recreational, and competitive programs for youths and adults. Visit [norwalkriverrowing.org](http://norwalkriverrowing.org).



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### Tennis

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Mead Park has eight Har-Tru courts, two lighted for night play, which are open from May to October. Photo IDs are required, available at the recreation department. Permits are \$115 for adults, \$70 for those 62 and older, \$50 for those 17 and under. Guest permits are \$5 per day.

There is also an all-weather court and a practice court available all year. No permit is required. Mead Park tennis courts information: 203-594-3618.

Four platform tennis courts are also available at Waveny Park, from fall through spring. Permits, available from the recreation department, are \$215 for a family, \$110 for adults, \$65 for seniors and \$20 for players age 17 and younger if they wish to reserve a court, otherwise children may play for free.

### Adult sports programs

Programs for adults through the town's Recreation Department (203-594-3600) include exercise and water fitness classes, tennis and golf instruction, lap swimming, indoor soccer, open gym, a men's softball league and women's paddle league.

The New Canaan YMCA (203-966-4528) offers adult fitness programs as well as recreational basketball, volleyball, racquetball, and squash.

The New Canaan Recreation Department runs a men's slow-pitch league at Waveny Park. League play begins in April. Call 203-594-3600 for information.

### Horseback riding

**New Canaan Mounted Troop** on Carter Street is a nonprofit organization devoted to building leadership, responsibility and confidence through sound horsemanship. It is the last unit of the Junior Cavalry of America. The Horsemanship Program offers extensive instruction for every rider's ability, beginner to advanced, children through adults, along with instruction in stable management, safety and horse care. Call 203-966-0634 for more information or visit [newcanaanmountedtroop.org](http://newcanaanmountedtroop.org)

### Walking trails, road races

There are trails at the New Canaan Nature Center and the Bristol Bird Sanctuary on Old Stamford Road. Waveny Park has 3.5 miles of jogging / walking trails. Irwin Park features a 1-mile walking / jogging trail. The track at New Canaan High School is also available for running.

Aquarion allows access to the five-mile Saugatuck Nature Trail along the shore of the Saugatuck Reservoir and 35 miles of trails in the Saugatuck Valley Trails System in Redding and Weston. Call 203-452-3510 for a trail map and information on recreation opportunities. For a "Be Our Guest" brochure, email [watershed@aquarionwater.com](mailto:watershed@aquarionwater.com)

The Recreation Department (203-594-3600) offers **Waveny Summer Cross Country Races** for five age categories Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., from early June through early September. The three-mile course follows Waveny Park trails. There is also a half-mile kids fun run.

On July 4, there is a four-mile race down Oenoke Ridge called Four on the Fourth that begins at St. Mark's Church. For information, visit [clubct.org](http://clubct.org).

The **Turkey Trot**, a benefit race, is held the Sunday before Thanksgiving at Waveny Park last year. Information: [newcanaanturkeytrot.com](http://newcanaanturkeytrot.com).

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**MMRF Race for Research 5K Walk/Run**, to benefit the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, founded by New Canaan resident Kathy Giusti, is held in June. Visit [themmrf.org](http://themmrf.org).

## Bicycling

Sound Cyclists runs group rides throughout Fairfield County year round. There are social events, a newsletter, and members are entitled to discounts at more than a dozen area bicycle shops. For information, visit [soundcyclists.com](http://soundcyclists.com).

The state Department of Transportation offers maps of multi-use trails throughout the state as well as a statewide bicycle map. You may download portions of the multi-use trails map from [ct.gov/dot](http://ct.gov/dot) or you may purchase the 132-page Pathways through Connecticut for \$9.95 online.

The Connecticut Bicycle Map is available free from the DOT.

Children age 15 and under must wear a helmet when bicycling in Connecticut.

## Skiing, ice skating

You may ski at any of the town parks when conditions permit. Also, Grace Farms has prepared trails for skiing in the past. Check [GraceFarms.org](http://GraceFarms.org)

When the weather turns cold there is skating at Mead Park and Mill Pond, with signs posted to let residents know when it is safe to put their skates on and hit the ice. Skating is "at your own risk" and there is lighted skating at both. Skating is not allowed on reservoirs.



The **New Canaan Winter Club** (203-966-4280; [ncwinterclub.com](http://ncwinterclub.com)) on Frogtown Road has an NHL regulation size rink and a clubhouse. The private club offers family activities as well as hockey and figure skating. Lessons are available. There is also outdoor skating on Hardon Pond.

## Local private clubs

**The Country Club of New Canaan** (203-966-3513; [ccofnewcanaan.org](http://ccofnewcanaan.org)) is at 95 Country Club Road. To join, you must be sponsored by a current member. The club offers an 18-hole golf course, swimming pool, paddle courts, squash court, tennis courts and a full-service dining room.

**The New Canaan Field Club** (203-966-6879; [nc-fc.com](http://nc-fc.com)) is at 164 Smith Ridge Road. To join, you must be a New Canaan resident and be sponsored by two members. The club offers four lighted platform tennis courts, 10 Har-Tru tennis courts, a swimming pool and wading pool, playground, and pavilions.

**The Lake Club** (203-762-5600; [thelakeclub.org](http://thelakeclub.org)) is on Thayer Pond Road on the New Canaan-Wilton border. Facilities include a swimming pool, 10 tennis courts, five paddle tennis courts, boating, canoeing, fishing, basketball courts, and a playground.

New Canaan does not have any public golf courses, but neighboring towns do.

In Norwalk, Oak Hills Golf Course (203-853-8400) is at 165 Fillow Street. There are also courses in Stamford, Fairfield, Bridgeport, Greenwich, and Westport.

The **New Canaan Women's Golf League** plays from mid-April to mid-October at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Fairfield. For information, email Sharon Pierce at [sspierce81@yahoo.com](mailto:sspierce81@yahoo.com).

## New Canaan Nature Center

This environmental organization and sanctuary, established in 1960, is dedicated to helping people of all ages understand, appreciate and care for the world of nature. The 40-acre preserve is on Oenoke Ridge / Route 124 and features such diverse habitats as wet meadows and woodlands. Among the programs offered are: a nature-oriented preschool, school outreach, summer nature camp, horticulture program, workshops, walks, trips, and special events. The center also features a birds of prey exhibit, a live animal teaching collection and gift shop. Call 203-966-9577 or visit [newcanaannature.org](http://newcanaannature.org).

## Fishing

Fishing is available to those with licenses in all public ponds, lakes and streams, unless otherwise posted.

Inland fishing licenses are \$28 (\$32 for all waters license; free to seniors and the disabled) and are required for anyone 18 or older (these licenses are \$16 for those 16 and 17). Free fishing licenses for senior citizens and the disabled are available. They are available at many tackle shops.



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Fishing licenses are not needed in the marine district unless you are taking lobsters or menhaden. For details, check the Connecticut Angler's Guide, available free at the town clerk's office or online at [ct.gov/deep](http://ct.gov/deep).

Through the state's Online Sportsman Licensing System, you can also obtain licenses via [www.ct.wildlifelicense.com](http://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com).

Lakes and ponds are open to fishing year-round. Rivers and streams are open for trout fishing from the second Saturday in April through the last day of February.

Silvermine Pond, Mill Pond and Mead Pond are three of the more popular spots to fish in New Canaan. Also open to fishing in the area are sections of the Mianus River from Greenwich to Stamford, parts of the Saugatuck River, and parts of the Silvermine River from Route 106 to the Merritt Parkway. See the Connecticut Angler's Guide, available free at town hall, for details.

The George Cogswell Memorial Fishing Derby is held every spring, sponsored by the recreation department. A New Canaan tradition started by the Police Benevolent Association in the early 1970s, it was named for former New Canaan Police Officer George Cogswell. Check the New Canaan Advertiser for details.

## Hunting

Hunting is not allowed on any town property. You may hunt on private property. All hunters are required to have permission from the landowner when hunting on private lands. Verbal permission for the hunting of animals other than deer and turkey is sufficient.

Deer and turkey hunters must carry the written permission of the landowner for the current season on official DEEP forms available at [ct.gov/deep](http://ct.gov/deep). A landowner must have a minimum of 10 acres to authorize the use of a rifle for deer hunting.

For more information on game law issues, bowhunting, or conservation, refer to the latest issue of the state Hunting and Trapping Guide, available at the town clerk's office, (203-594-3070), call DEEP at 860-424-3011, or visit the website at [ct.gov/deep](http://ct.gov/deep).

Effective Jan. 1, 2015, individuals providing fishing and hunting guide services in Connecticut must register annually with DEEP. The registration is valid for the calendar year.

Hunting regulations stipulate that hunting, shooting or carrying a loaded firearm within 500 feet of any building occupied by people or domestic animals is illegal. Hunting or shooting from or across the traveled portion of a public runway, or from motor vehicles, is also prohibited.

Shooting toward a person, building or domestic animal when within range is illegal.

Depending on the game, hunting seasons begin and end at different times. Check the latest state Hunting and Trapping Guide, available in the town clerk's office, for details, or go online to [ct.gov/deep](http://ct.gov/deep).

Bowhunting deer seasons are from Sept. 15 to Dec. 31. Check the above website for shotgun dates.

The spring turkey season is April 25-May 26 on state or private land. Fall turkey bowhunting on state land runs from Sept. 15 to Nov. 13 and Dec. 19-31. The season for private land is Sept. 15 to Dec. 31. Fall turkey firearms season is Oct. 6-31 on state and private land.

Sunday hunting is now allowed on some private land. Check the DEEP website.

For information on firearms courses, residents can try to contact area dealers or call the state's Conservation Education Firearms Safety office in Burlington at 860-675-8130.



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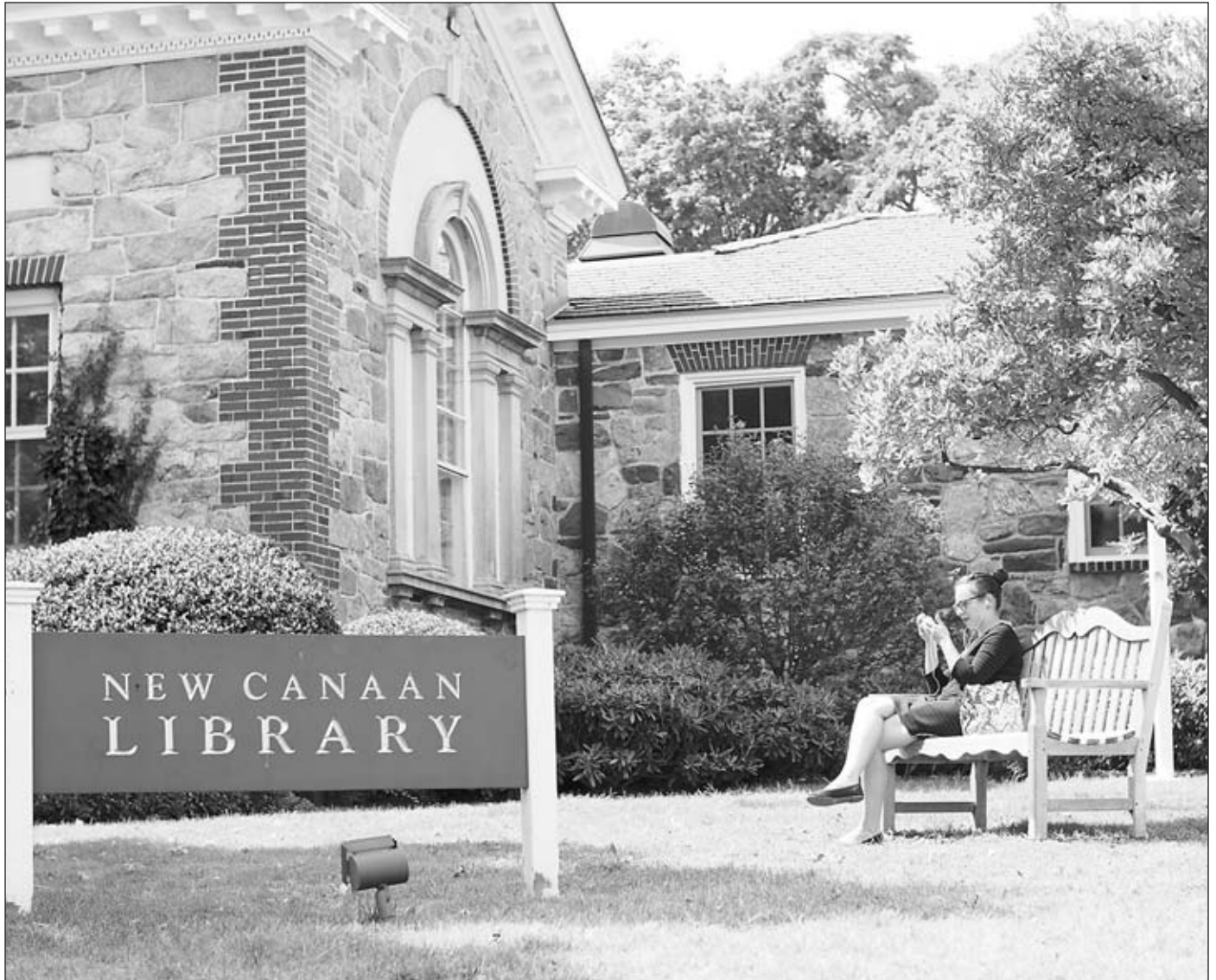
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All New Canaan residents, as well as those working or attending school in town, may have a free library membership. Non-residents may obtain a New Canaan card for an annual fee. The library welcomes in-person applicants, but cards may also be applied for online. Please bring proof of eligibility.

The library offers robust print and digital collections, including audio books, e-books, DVDs, robotics and programming kits, streaming audio books and videos, magazines and newspapers (both print and digital). The library also offers extensive programming that spans all areas of interest and all ages, including a full roster of technology classes, foreign language meetups, and

wellness related classes such as yoga and tai chi.

The library is committed to serving local families. The Children's Room presents classes, events, and book groups for all ages, from babies through middle school, as well as professional staff and exceptionally well-curated collections. The dedicated teen librarian coordinates activities and educational events for young adults and tweens.

Other offerings include reader's advisory and reference services, up-to-the-minute technology, technology assistance, and an ever-expanding maker space. Free computer and scanner access is available. Copying, printing and faxing are available for a fee. Free, high-speed Wi-Fi is available throughout the building. Technology assistance is available seven days a week. Exhibitions coordinated by the Art Committee of New Canaan Library featuring regional artists are on view in the H. Pelham Curtis Gallery.

Library staff look forward to welcoming people at its 151 Main Street location, at the corner of Cherry and Main. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

## Pet ownership & stray animals

All dogs six months or older must be licensed via the town clerk's office (203-594-3067) in Town Hall. A valid rabies certificate is required. You may apply for a dog license in person or by mail. Dogs are not permitted in the Town Hall building.

The cost is \$19 for dogs that have not been spayed or neutered, and \$8 if your dog has been spayed or neutered. Dogs must be licensed by July 1 and by state law, a \$1 penalty is imposed for each month past July that a dog is unlicensed. The fine for failing to license your dog is \$75. The town ordinance fine for roaming dogs is \$90, and additional state processing fee of \$46. Cats are not licensed.

All dogs or cats over three months of age must be vaccinated against rabies. Booster shots are required at least every three years. Failure to immunize your cat or dog against rabies can result in a fine of \$136.

If a pet goes missing, call New Canaan Animal Control Officer Allyson Halm at 203-594-3510 or email allyson.halm@newcanaanct.gov. The town runs a shelter to safely house roaming dogs. Dogs that remain unclaimed after seven days are put up for adoption. If your dog has been missing for more than 24 hours, you might want to call animal control officers in neighboring towns. Check also with Strays and Others (203-966-6556).

Since there are no laws cover roaming cats, local and state animal control officers do not pick them up. You could call Strays and Others at 203-966-6556. The state considers cats to be feral by nature, so they can roam.

## Rules for dogs

Dogs in town are required to be on a leash. Dogs in the business district must be on a leash no longer than eight feet. Out of the business district, including in parks and on school grounds, dogs must be on a leash no longer than 25 feet and under the owner's control. Dogs are also prohibited from entering town-owned buildings, with the exception of town-approved activities that invite the presence of animals.

Owners must clean up after their dogs, and bagged dog poop must be removed as well.

Violation of any of the above could result in a \$90 fine. Off leash fine is \$75.

State law prohibits dogs from roaming on someone else's property or on any portion of a public highway when not attended by an owner and 100% under the owner's control. A violation can result in a \$92 fine.

The animal control officer may declare a dog vicious based on a number of criteria including, but not limited to: any dog that has severely injured or killed a domestic animal or pet while off its owner's property; any dog that bites or injures a person, dog, or other domestic animal without provocation; any dog used or trained for dog fighting.

If a dog has been declared vicious, the animal control officer may order: the dog's destruction, the dog's removal from town, the dog's owner to purchase liability insurance, among other steps. There are appeals an owner may make. The full law is detailed online at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info); click on Departments, and then Animal Control.

Dogs may run off leash at **Spencer's Run**, a 1.5-acre area. It is in Waveny Park near the Lapham Road entrance and next to the Paddle Tennis lodge. All dogs must wear a New Canaan license and current rabies tag.

## Local veterinarians

The New Canaan Veterinary Hospital (203-966-1627; [newcanaanvet.com](http://newcanaanvet.com)) is at 7 Vitti Street. Grove Street Veterinary (203-972-7387) is at 73 Grove Street.

## Adopting a pet

Unclaimed dogs at the New Canaan animal shelter are offered for adoption in conjunction with Strays and Others, Inc., a nonprofit organization. President and founder is Claudia Weber. With more than 25 years of service and care for homeless and abandoned animals, Strays and Others (203-966-6556; [straysandothers.petfinder.com](http://straysandothers.petfinder.com)) helps match homeless animals with adoptive homes. It offers a low-cost spay/neuter program and information and referrals on a variety of pet-related topics. The organization is always looking for volunteers, foster homes, and donations.

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The **New Canaan Public Schools** central office is at 39 Locust Avenue, New Canaan, CT, 06840. Business hours are weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 203-594-4000, fax 203-594-4035. The district's website is [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org).

Dr. Bryan Luizzi, who has almost two decades of experience in education, including three years as New Canaan High School principal, is the **superintendent of schools**. In 2006, he completed his doctor of education degree at Teachers College at Columbia University. Later, he became an adjunct professor at Central Connecticut State University and at the University of Connecticut, teaching classes in school and district leadership, curriculum development and design, school climate and culture, and educational policy, among others.

The **Board of Education** oversees and maintains the public schools. In doing so, it prepares and proposes the annual district-wide budget; designates the schools to be attended by students; provides transportation for children; makes a continuing study of the need for school facilities and of a long-term building program; operates and maintains all buildings, lands, apparatus and other property used for school purposes; prescribes the rules for the management, studies, classification and discipline of the schools; prescribes the textbooks to be used; develops, adopts and implements written policies concerning homework, attendance, promotion and retention; approves all expenditures for purposes of public education; furnishes to the state Department of Education data required in the periodic reports specified by state statute; adopts and files with the state Board of Education all required policy statements; and negotiates collective bargaining agreements with employees' exclusive bargaining representatives.

Nine people are elected to serve four-year terms on the school board. For the roster and information on each member, go to [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org), then Board of Education, then BOE Members.

The board usually meets on alternate Mondays of the month in the Wagner Room at New Canaan High School, generally at 7 p.m. otherwise indicated. The public is welcome and time is set aside at the beginning and end of each meeting for public comment. Speakers are allotted two minutes each. A meeting schedule is available at the town clerk's office, the superintendent's office, and the district's website, [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org). Meetings are also published in the New Canaan Advertiser and are televised on a delayed basis on Channel 78. Videos of the meetings are posted at the district website.

### Holidays, school closings & weather delays

The remaining holiday for the 2017-18 school year is Memorial Day, May 28. The last day of school is scheduled for June 22, a half-day for students. Besides the legal Monday holidays that fall on school days, school vacation weeks have included the year-end holiday recess and a week off each in February and April. Full school-year calendars are posted at [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org).

Parents may sign up at school for special advisory notices to be sent directly to them.

For cancellations or delays, visit [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org) or [NCAdvertiser.com](http://NCAdvertiser.com), [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info), or [ctweather.com](http://ctweather.com). Tune into Live.HAN.Network for regional information.

Tune in to the following radio stations: WICC/600AM, WVI-P/1310AM, WNLK/1350AM, WSTC/1400AM, WLNA/1420AM, WEFX/95.9FM, KOOL/96.7FM, WEZN/STAR99.9FM, WHUD/100.7 FM, WEBE/108FM.

The following television stations also broadcast school closings: WFSB/Channel 3, WTNH/Channel 8, Cablevision Channel 12, WVIT/Channel 30, and New Canaan Public Access Channel 79.

### Registering a child for school

At 5 years of age (by Dec. 31 of the school year), a child is required to attend school. Parents who choose to hold back a child from attending school when that child is 5 (or even 6) will need to personally appear at the school to sign an option form exercising their right not to have their child attend school. At that time a school official will provide the parent with information on the educational opportunities available within the district.

At any time, children may be registered at the school he or she will attend. Early kindergarten registration is available during January. Specific days are set aside in May for kindergarten orientation. Parents must present proof of New Canaan residency, current health and immunization information, and the child's birth certificate or current passport.

### Public schools

There are three elementary schools for kindergarten through fourth grade:

**East Elementary School**, 54 Little Brook Road, 203-594-4200, fax 203-594-4215; Kris Woleck, principal. Email: [kristine.woleck@ncps-k12.org](mailto:kristine.woleck@ncps-k12.org); **South Elementary School**, 8 Farm Road, 203-594-4300, fax 203-203-594-4314; Joanne Rocco, principal. Email: [joanne.rocco@ncps-k12.org](mailto:joanne.rocco@ncps-k12.org); and **West Elementary School**, 769 Ponus Ridge, 203-594-4400, fax 203-594-4412; Jan Murphy, principal. Email: [jan.murphy@ncps-k12.org](mailto:jan.murphy@ncps-k12.org)

**Saxe Middle School** serves fifth through eighth grade, at 468 South Avenue, 203-594-4500, fax 594-4565. Greg Macedo is principal. Email: [Greg.Macedo@ncps-k12.org](mailto:Greg.Macedo@ncps-k12.org)

**New Canaan High School** has ninth through 12 grade at 11 Farm Road, 203-594-4600, fax 203-594-4700. William D. Egan, principal. [William.Egan@ncps-k12.org](mailto:William.Egan@ncps-k12.org).

Instructional hours are: New Canaan High School: 7:30 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.; Saxe Middle School (grades 7 and 8): 7:30 a.m. - 2:05 p.m. (grades 5 and 6): 8:20 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.; South Elementary School: 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.; East and West Elementary: 9:05 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.; Office hours are 7:30 to 4 p.m. at South Elementary; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at East and West Elementary and Saxe Middle School (5-6); 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saxe (7-8); and 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the high school.

### District statistics

The public schools' enrollment totaled 4,237 students on Oct. 1, 2017, according to the Board of Education. Total enrollment across the three elementary schools (Grades K - 4) was 1,532. The enrollment at Saxe Middle School (Grades 5 - 8) was 1,331. The enrollment at New Canaan High School was 1,319.

Guidelines for elementary class sizes are 16 to 20 pupils in kindergarten through third grade, and 20 to 24 pupils for fourth through eighth grades. In high school, class sizes range from 14 to 25 students.

### Recent school awards & recognitions Niche.com ratings:

- #2 2018 Best School Districts in Connecticut
- #8 2018 Best School Districts in New York City area
- #1 of 118 Best Places to Teach in Connecticut
- #2 of 118 2018 Districts with the Best Teachers in Connecticut
- #4 of 118 2018 Safest School Districts in Connecticut

### National Merit Scholarship Program

- 18 NCHS National Merit Commended Students
- 6 NCHS National Merit Semifinalists
- 4 NCHS students have moved on to Finalists

### Standardized testing

In 2010, Connecticut, along with 44 other states, adopted the Common Core State Standards in mathematics and English/language arts. The shift to new standards required, among other things, the development and implementation of a new assessment system to measure the success of schools and students in teaching and learning in relationship to those standards. Previously, the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) measured student and school performance in relationship to the prior Connecticut standards; with the move to the Common Core State Standards (which Connecticut renamed the Connecticut Core Standards), these assessments became obsolete. 2015 marked the first year that Connecticut and other states administered the new assessment protocol, aligned with the new standards. A presentation on Connecticut Core State Standards made to New Canaan's school board is posted at [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org).

In 2015, the Smarter Balanced Assessment replaced the Connecticut Mastery Test, also known as the CMT, previously given to third through eighth graders. Beginning in 2016, Connecticut's 11th grade students began taking the SAT as the statewide assessment instead of the Connecticut Academic Performance Test previously administered to sophomores. A primary difference with the SBAs is that they're online rather than paper-based tests. A Q&A on the "Smarter Balance" assessment system is posted at [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org).



Lauren Capone follows the flight of the ball during a match at the Country Club of New Canaan last spring. Capone, a four-year varsity player for the Rams, is a senior co-captain this season. — Dave Stewart photo

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## High School Sports

### Fall

Boys	F	JV	V	Girls	F	JV	V
Football	✓	✓	✓	Field hockey	✓	✓	✓
Soccer	✓	✓	✓	Soccer	✓	✓	✓
Cross country			✓	Cross country			✓
				Swimming & diving			✓
				Volleyball	✓	✓	✓
				Cheerleading			✓

### Winter

Boys	F	JV	V	Girls	F	JV	V
Basketball	✓	✓	✓	Basketball	✓	✓	✓
Wrestling		✓	✓	Gymnastics			✓
Ice hockey		✓	✓	Ice hockey			✓
Indoor track			✓	Indoor track			✓
Swimming & diving			✓	Cheerleading			✓

### Spring

Boys	F	JV	V	Girls	F	JV	V
Baseball	✓	✓	✓	Softball		✓	✓
Outdoor track			✓	Outdoor track			✓
Golf		✓	✓	Golf		✓	✓
Tennis		✓	✓	Tennis		✓	✓
Lacrosse	✓	✓	✓	Lacrosse	✓	✓	✓
Volleyball		✓	✓				

More than 70% of the student body participates in the NCHS athletic program. In 2013, for the fourth year in a row and the fifth time in the past five years, the athletic department was awarded the Fairfield County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (FCIAC) Cup. This award recognizes all around excellence including quality indicators such as sportsmanship. In the spring 2017 season, New Canaan's girls golf won the FCIAC and state titles; boys tennis won the state Class L title; boys lacrosse won the state Class M title; and boys golf was the state Division II runner-up. In fall 2017, field hockey was the state Class M runner-up, and, in winter 2018, the girls ice hockey team was the state Class M runner-up.

There are also club sports and freshman-only sports. For more information, call the athletic department at 203-594-4640.

### High school extracurricular activities

The New Canaan High School website lists more than 60 student activities including musical groups, drama productions, math teams, art projects, yearbook, school newspaper (NCHS Courant: nchscourant.com), student government, service organizations, and groups focusing on current events and causes.

New Canaan High School's theater department has recently won awards by Stage Directions High School Theatre Honors Program, Connecticut Drama Association and the Musical Theater Competition of America event.

### Specialized school programs

Before- and after-school programs are offered at all three elementary schools (East, South and West). **Saxe** offers Middle School Choices, after-school programs through a coalition of town, school and private agencies (New Canaan Parks & Rec, YMCA, New Ca-

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naan Youth Services and Saxe Middle School).

**The New Canaan YMCA** offers after-school programs for children in kindergarten through sixth grade with transportation. Call 203-966-4528, ext. 157.

The **Day Care Center of New Canaan** (203-966-9247) at 156 South Avenue offers an after-school program for kindergarten through sixth grade.

For gifted students, the **Challenge Program** engages students at the elementary and middle school levels. At the elementary schools, the focus is on unit-based investigations above grade level. In middle school, fifth graders are involved in language-based activities such as higher level reading selections, while the older students move on to a social studies-based curriculum.

The high school offers a variety of honors and advanced placement courses as well as paths of independent study to gifted and high-achieving students.

Students identified as artistically gifted may participate in an after-school program called Challenges in Art.

Check the district website for details.

**A Better Chance (ABC)** is a national program that provides academically talented, minority students with access to top-rated schools, both private and public, that they otherwise would be unable to attend. The ABC house in New Canaan is at 64 Locust Avenue. For more information, call 203-972-1152 or visit [abchou-seofnc.org](http://abchou-seofnc.org).

### District transportation policy

It is the policy of the school system to provide transportation to all elementary school students who live more than one mile from the school and for students in sixth through 12th grade who live

more than one-and-one-half miles from school. Distances may be waived at the discretion of the superintendent for children with health reasons or whose streets are considered hazardous.

The school system attempts to pick up and deliver students as close to home as possible. The full policy, including transportation for students in vocational and private schools, is on the district website. The bus hotline is 203-594-4004.

### Special education needs

Special education traditionally serves children and young adults who are physically handicapped or learning disabled. New Canaan schools provide comprehensive programming for students between the ages of 3 and 21 who require special education support. Extensive information is available online at [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org). Click on the District Information tab on the top of the page, then look for Special Education.

If your child has not yet started school and you suspect he or she may have a disability, you may request an evaluation in writing to the director of special education. If your child is already in school, you may call the principal or guidance counselor. New Canaan's assistant superintendent of pupil and family services is Darlene Pianka (203-594-4020).

SPED\*NET is the Special Education Network of New Canaan parents and professionals, a monthly forum for discussing special education and section 504 issues. It is an independent nonprofit organization. Information is available at [spednet.org](http://spednet.org).

The Connecticut Birth to Three System helps families meet the developmental and health-related needs of their infants and toddlers who have delays or disabilities. For information, call the Child Development Infoline at 1-800-505-7000 or visit [birth23.org](http://birth23.org).

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## Nursery schools

There are many in New Canaan. They include: New Canaan Community Nursery School, 203-966-3010; [nccpreschool.org](http://nccpreschool.org); New Canaan Country School, 203-972-0771; [countryschool.net](http://countryschool.net); New Canaan Nature Center Preschool, 203-966-9577; [newcanaannature.org/programs/preschool](http://newcanaannature.org/programs/preschool), email (Director Marianne Kay): [mkay@newcanaannature.org](mailto:mkay@newcanaannature.org); First Presbyterian Nursery School, 203-966-5234; [fpns.net](http://fpns.net); St. Mark's Nursery School, 203-972-7888; [stmarksnewcanaan.org](http://stmarksnewcanaan.org); United Methodist Preschool, 203-966-3176; [mnskids34@aol.com](mailto:mnskids34@aol.com); Playland Nursery School, 203-966-2937; [playlandnurseryschool.com](http://playlandnurseryschool.com); Toddler Time Nursery School, 203-972-3111; [toddlertimens.org](http://toddlertimens.org); The Tot's Spot Early Childhood Center and Preschool, 203-972-3161; Y's Little Owl Nursery School, 203-966-4528; [newcanaanymca.org](http://newcanaanymca.org); and the Day Care Center of New Canaan, 203-966-9247.

## Private, parochial schools

**New Canaan Country School**, 635 Frogtown Road (203-972-0771; [countryschool.net](http://countryschool.net)). Founded in 1916, the school is an independent, co-educational day school for students in Beginners (age 3) through grade 9 from Fairfield and Westchester counties.

**St. Luke's School**, 377 North Wilton Road (203-966-5612; [stluke-sct.org](http://stluke-sct.org)) is a secular, private day school serving grades 5-12.

**St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church**, 21 Cherry Street, is a Blue Ribbon school which serves kindergarten through eighth grade. It is New Canaan's first parochial school, opening its doors in 1956. Its mission statement calls the school "a community permeated by Catholic teachings and values, where academic excellence is promoted through the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional development of each student." For more information, visit [sasncct.org](http://sasncct.org)

**Other private schools in the area** include **The Children's School** (203-329-8815; [tcs@childrensschool.org](mailto:tcs@childrensschool.org)) at 118 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, for ages 3 to 8; **Connecticut Friends School** (203-762-9860; [ctfriendsschool.org](http://ctfriendsschool.org)) in Wilton, serving kindergarten through eighth grade; **Our Lady of Fatima School** (203-762-8100; [olfcatholic.org](http://olfcatholic.org)), a Catholic school in Wilton for preschool through eighth grade; **King School** (203-322-3496; [kingschoolct.org](http://kingschoolct.org)) at 1450 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, is a day school for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; **The Brunswick School** (203-625-5800; [brunswickschool.org](http://brunswickschool.org)) a private, college preparatory school for boys in pre-K through 12th grade, 100 Maher Avenue, Greenwich; **Convent of the Sacred Heart** (203-531-6500; [cshgreenwich.org](http://cshgreenwich.org)), 1177 King Street, Greenwich, a Catholic independent prep school for girls pre-K to 12th grade; **Greenwich Academy** (203-625-8900; [greenwichacademy.org](http://greenwichacademy.org)), 200 North Maple Avenue, an independent, college preparatory school for girls pre-K to 12th grade; and **Whitby School** (203-869-8464; [whitbyschool.org](http://whitbyschool.org)), 969 Lake Avenue, Greenwich, the oldest Montessori School in the U.S. for boys and girls from preschool through eighth grade.

## College courses

Norwalk Community College (203-857-7000; [norwalk.edu](http://norwalk.edu)) offers a degree program. Western Connecticut State University (203-837-8200; [wcsu.edu](http://wcsu.edu)) in Danbury has both graduate and undergraduate courses, as does the University of Connecticut, Stamford (203-251-8400; [stamford.uconn.edu](http://stamford.uconn.edu)) and Fairfield University (203-254-4000; [fairfield.edu](http://fairfield.edu)), Sacred Heart University in Fairfield (203-371-7999; [sacredheart.edu](http://sacredheart.edu)), and the University of Bridgeport (1-800-392-3582; [bridgeport.edu](http://bridgeport.edu)).

## Art & music schools

The **Silvermine School of the Arts** (203-966-9700) is in New



**Silvermine School of Art** offers summer art studios in a variety of disciplines for children and teens.

Canaan at 1037 Silvermine Road with gallery exhibits throughout the year at the Silvermine Guild Arts Center. [Silverminearts.org](http://Silverminearts.org).

Each fall and spring the **New Canaan Society for the Arts** offers art classes for children and adults at the Carriage Barn. Call 203-972-1895 or visit [carriagebarn.org](http://carriagebarn.org).

**School of Rock/New Canaan**, 41 Grove Street (203-594-7870; [newcanaan.schoolofrock.com](http://newcanaan.schoolofrock.com)). Rock performance camps and private lessons are offered for students 7-18 on guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and vocals. Students work individually with instructors who are practicing musicians, and play in a rock show at the end of the season.

**New Canaan Music**, 135 Elm Street (203-920-1800). Besides instruments for sale or rent, the shop has instructors who offer music lessons to students of all ages. Website: [newcanaanmusic.com](http://newcanaanmusic.com).

## Dance schools

**New Canaan Dance Academy**, 15 Forest Street (203-972-9174; [ncdacademy.org](http://ncdacademy.org)) offers tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, African, hip hop, breakdancing and creative movement for children and tap, jazz, ballet and dance fit for adults.

**New England Academy of Dance**, 231 Main Street (203-972-3265; [neadance.com](http://neadance.com)) offers a broad range of classes, including ballet, modern, jazz, tap, hip hop, yoga, pilates, zumba to students from preschool through adult.

**The Performing Arts Conservatory of New Canaan**, 70 Pine Street (203-966-6177; [performingartsconservatory.com](http://performingartsconservatory.com)), offers classes in voice, dance, musical performance, and acting.

**The Studio for the Performing Arts**, 26 Forest Street (203-966-7056; [thestudioperformingarts.com](http://thestudioperformingarts.com)) features classes in acting, movement, voice, musical theatre dance, hip-hop, jazz, ballet and tap for children and adults.

**The New Canaan Cotillion** (203-831-9382; [cotillionclasses.com](http://cotillionclasses.com)) offers ballroom dance and etiquette programs for children.

**The Walter Schalk School of Dance** offers jazz, ballroom, ballet, tap dancing, musical comedy, classes for children. Call 203-762-7508 or visit [walterschalk.com](http://walterschalk.com).

**New Canaan Youth Services** offers the town's youth and families programs and activities that address developmental needs, as well as helping youth and families obtain appropriate social services and resources. The town's youth and family services coordinator is Jacqueline D'Louhy and she may be reached at 203-594-3081 or [Jacqueline.DLouhy@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.DLouhy@newcanaanct.gov). Her office is in Vine Cottage at 61 Main Street.

This department offers free and confidential services to young people in New Canaan, up to age 21, and their families. It evaluates and coordinates existing community programs and develops new programs to meet changing needs.

New Canaan Youth Services offers programs to foster self-esteem, teamwork, peer support and conflict resolution in coordination with other local agencies. The department also offers crisis intervention for young people with an emphasis on family therapy. It also offers short-term counseling for parents.

For information on any of these programs or services, call the main number, 203-594-3076 or visit the Youth Services page at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info). A list of area social services for children and teens is on the department's website, too. New Canaan Youth Services can offer counseling and referrals to young people and their families.

**SPED\*NET of New Canaan** is a group of parents dedicated to ensuring town activities and services are accessible to their special needs children. For details, visit [spednet.org](http://spednet.org) or email [info@spednet.org](mailto:info@spednet.org). It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess alcohol anywhere in the state, including on private property. It is also illegal for anyone to knowingly allow minors to possess alcohol. **New Canaan CARES**, (203-966-7862 / [newcanaancares.org](http://newcanaancares.org)) offers preventative programming, referrals and a resource library for youth and parents, and has a Student Leadership Coalition, an afterschool club with a strong drug prevention emphasis.

*Kid-and family-friendly events, programs, and resource listings in and around New Canaan and Fairfield County may be found online at [kidsworld.han.network](http://kidsworld.han.network) and [arts.hersamacorn.com](http://arts.hersamacorn.com).*

## Parks, playgrounds

There are several parks in New Canaan — **Bristow Bird Sanctuary**, Old Stamford Road; **Irwin Park**, 848 Weed Street; **Lapham Community Center**, 677 South Avenue; **Mill Pond Park**, Millport Road; **Olive and George Lee Memorial Garden**, 89 Chichester Road; **Waveny House and Waveny Pool**, 677 South Avenue; and **Spencer's Run Dog Park**, Lapham Road, Waveny Park, 677 South Avenue.

There are playgrounds at **Mead Memorial Park**, 241 Park Street; **Kiwanis Park**, Old Norwalk Road; and **Ed Dixon Memorial Park**, Hoyt Street and E. Maple Street; as well as at South, East and West schools.

## Aiding troubled children

**Kids in Crisis** is an organization that offers preventive services and immediate intervention for children in crisis. It is a United Way agency, licensed by the Department of Children and Families, that provides both crisis counseling and a short-term residential shelter for children of all ages. Support and counseling is available free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For information, call 327-KIDS or visit [kidsincrisis.org](http://kidsincrisis.org).

**The Den for Grieving Kids**, a program of Family Centers, Inc., offers peer support programs helping children and families cope with their loss and begin the healing process. Call 203-655-4693.

**New Canaan CARES** is a nonprofit agency marking its 33rd year of service to the community. Its mission is to reduce the incidence of substance abuse and promote community wellness through

preventive education and supportive programming. The agency maintains a specialized library and offers numerous educational programs, including a speaker / seminar series in all New Canaan schools with topics ranging from bullying to the teen party scene, and healthy competition to body image. Call 203-966-7862 or visit [newcanaancares.org](http://newcanaancares.org).

**The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut**, 196 Greyrock Place, Stamford (203-324-6127 / [childguidancect.org](http://childguidancect.org)) is a nonprofit mental health resource for area children and families, receiving referrals from schools, courts, human service agencies, and private physicians. Self-referrals are also encouraged. The center also offers an Emergency Mobile Crisis Service, providing immediate mental health assessments and stabilization services for children and adolescents experiencing serious psychiatric symptoms or severe reactions to a recent traumatic event. The service is available 24/7. Call the hotline at 203-323-9797 or 888-825-6777.

**The New Canaan Coalition** is an umbrella organization consisting of nearly 20 independent agencies and departments that serve youths and families here. First Selectman Rob Mallozzi III revived the coalition in this past spring and named Jacqueline D'Louhy of the Town's Human Services Department to lead it. In general terms, the Coalition shares ideas to help town youth of New Canaan "build assets," become "empowered" and live enhanced lives. Members of the Coalition include Kids in Crisis, New Canaan Cares, local religious organizations, the YMCA and many other town agencies, as well as town programs through the schools and human services. Contact: Jacqueline D'Louhy and she may be reached at 203-594-3081 or [Jacqueline.DLouhy@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.DLouhy@newcanaanct.gov).

**The Ram Council** is a group of New Canaan High School students who have committed to remain alcohol and substance free. They support each other, conduct activities, and invite school mates to join. Contact adult director Joyce Sixsmith at 917-678-0543.

## Reporting cases of child abuse

If it is an emergency, call 911. The state hotline for reporting child abuse or neglect is 1-800-842-2288 ([state.ct.us/dcf](http://state.ct.us/dcf)). You may also call New Canaan Youth Services at 203-594-3081 for free and confidential guidance. Staff members are mandated reporters and must call DCF if they suspect a case of abuse or neglect.

## Day care facilities

**The Day Care Center of New Canaan** (203-966-9247) is at 156 South Avenue. It offers a preschool program and afterschool program for kindergarten through sixth grade.

**The Tot's Spot Early Childhood Center and Preschool** (203-972-3161), 87 Old Stamford Road, serves children from 18 months to five years of age with full- and part-time programs available.

Offered by the YMCA is **Rainbow Station**, a year-round, full-day program for infants through five-year-olds, at the Y's Child Development Center on South Avenue. Call 203-966-4528, ext. 113. Kids Unlimited is an afterschool program for kindergarten through sixth grade at the YMCA. Call 203-966-4528, ext.163. [newcanaanymca.org](http://newcanaanymca.org).

*To find licensed home day care providers, call the state's day-care licensing office at 800-282-6063 or call Infoline at 211, which maintains current listings of all state-licensed facilities in Connecticut. Childcare counselors will help parents assess the quality of different programs. The service is free.*

## Programs for teenagers

The town **Recreation Department** (203-594-3600) offers a va-

riety of summer programs for children and teens, including sports leagues, programs, and summer camps. New Canaan's town parks offer baseball diamonds, tennis courts, as well as swimming or jogging.

The **New Canaan YMCA** (203-966-4528) holds many programs and events for youth, including monthly "Middle School Madness" nights, and filmmaking and cooking classes just for teens. The Y's wellness facilities and group exercise classes are open to members 15 and older. Middle School Madness is held one Saturday night each month for children in grades 5 through 8. Volunteers supervise such activities as swimming, basketball, DJ dance parties, 3-D movies, and special events. The YMCA welcomes volunteers with special interests (e.g., music, face painting) to help out with these monthly events. Visit the website, [newcanaanymca.org](http://newcanaanymca.org), for membership information, including schedules and events.

The **New Canaan Library** (203-594-5000) also has activities and volunteer opportunities for young people. Its website has a separate teen section. Visit [newcanaanlibrary.org](http://newcanaanlibrary.org).

### Youth sports opportunities

The **New Canaan Recreation Department** (203-594-3600) offers a variety of sports for children, including soccer, baseball, T-ball, flag football, paddle tennis, and field hockey, as well as golf and tennis lessons.

The **New Canaan YMCA** (203-966-4528) offers basketball, gymnastics, tae-kwon-do, flag football, baseball, golf, squash and racquetball instruction, among others, as well as swimming and diving instruction.

**New Canaan Baseball/Softball** offers baseball and softball opportunities to boys and girls from second grade to 13 years of age. For information, visit [newcanaanbbsb.com](http://newcanaanbbsb.com).

**Darien Little League Challenger** division is open to players 5 to 18 with disabilities from Darien and New Canaan. Call 203-656-3610.

The **New Canaan Soccer Association** has travel teams which are open to children ages 8-13 and into high school. There are also skills training programs for under 8 and older players not on a travel team. For information, visit [newcanaanfc.com](http://newcanaanfc.com). For registration questions email [registrar@newcanaanfc.com](mailto:registrar@newcanaanfc.com).

**New Canaan Youth Football** offers tackle and cheerleading programs for boys and girls grades 3 through 8 in New Canaan. NCYF is part of the Fairfield County Football League. For information, visit [newcanaanyouthfootball.org](http://newcanaanyouthfootball.org).

**New Canaan Flag Football League** is offered for boys in two divisions, ages 9 to 11 and 12 to 14. For more details, email [steven.dayton@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:steven.dayton@newcanaanct.gov) or visit [ncffl.info](http://ncffl.info).

The **New Canaan Lacrosse Association** kicks off its yearly programs in late winter for boys and girls in first through eighth grade. A fall ball program, which stresses training and development, begins in September. For information, email registrar Darcy Smith at [registrar.nclax@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.nclax@gmail.com) or visit [nclax.org](http://nclax.org).

The **New Canaan Basketball Association** offers league play and instruction to aspiring hoopsters. Travel teams, open to boys and girls in fifth through eighth grade, compete against squads from all over Fairfield County. Instructional clinics take place throughout the season and during holiday breaks. For information, email Chris Crovatto, president, at [ccrovatto@csquaredfinancial.com](mailto:ccrovatto@csquaredfinancial.com), or visit [ncbahoops.org](http://ncbahoops.org).

The **New Canaan Winter Club** (203-966-4280/[ncwinterclub.com](http://ncwinterclub.com)) on Frogtown Road is home to many local ice hockey teams and figure skaters from youth to adult level.

**New Canaan Girl's Field Hockey Association**, for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders, starts registration each spring. A 10-week program, starting the first week of September, is coached by



**Service League of Boys (SLOBs) members Walker Swindell and Hollis Kammerer, both New Canaan High sophomores, helping at the Exchange Club of New Canaan's 50th annual Christmas tree sale. The sale helps to support many local charities.**

the New Canaan High School varsity coach. Travel teams compete against teams from all over Fairfield County. For information, email [newcanaanfhs@gmail.com](mailto:newcanaanfhs@gmail.com) or visit [fcfha.com](http://fcfha.com).

The **New Canaan Wrestling Club** holds practices for students in grades 5-8 from December to March. There are matches with other towns and some weekend tournaments. For information, visit [newcanaanwrestling.org](http://newcanaanwrestling.org) or email [newcanaanwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:newcanaanwrestling@gmail.com). High school wrestlers may contact Paul Gallo at [paul.gallo@ncps-k12.org](mailto:paul.gallo@ncps-k12.org) or 203-594-4681.

### Rowing clubs

**New Canaan Crew** is a club sport at the high school with more than 90 boys and girls who row at the Norwalk Boathouse, 11 Goldstein Place, Norwalk (203-852-5492), and is home to the New Canaan High School crew, Saxe Middle School crew, and St. Luke's crew. There are spring and fall competitive seasons and a winter workout season. For information, call Laura Campbell at 203-966-9550 or email [lrcajc@aol.com](mailto:lrcajc@aol.com). Visit online at [newcanaancrew.com](http://newcanaancrew.com).

The **Maritime Rowing Club** is a masters program that also operates out of the Sono Wharf, opposite the Maritime Aquarium. The coaching staff is the same as at New Canaan Crew. It has programs for experienced rowers as well as learn-to-row programs for beginning adult. There are competitive and recreational programs. The boathouse includes a fully equipped fitness center and is open year round. Applications and more information may be found at [maritimerowing.com](http://maritimerowing.com). You may also call 203-854-5492 or email [mrowing@aol.com](mailto:mrowing@aol.com).

The **Norwalk River Rowing Association** (203-866-0080) offers instructional, recreational, and competitive programs for youths and adults. Visit [norwalkriverrowing.org](http://norwalkriverrowing.org).

### Recreation for special needs children

**New Canaan Recreation Department** sponsors a program for New Canaan children with special needs to participate in instructional and recreational programs around town. Activities range from cookouts, sports activities, and arts and crafts to field trips.

## Children & Teens

Call 203-594-3600 or Betsy Stack at 203-254-9654.

The **New Canaan YMCA** offers a Special Cares Camp Program and progressive swimming/water therapy programs. Call 203-966-4528 or visit [newcanaanymca.org](http://newcanaanymca.org).

### Day camps

The **New Canaan Recreation Department** offers three summer camps: Waveny Day Camp for children six through 11, Camp Pee Wee for children 5 to 6, and Tiny Tot Camp, for four-year-olds. Registration for all three camps is by lottery. For details, call 203-594-3600 or visit online at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info).

The **New Canaan Nature Center's Summer Nature Camp** serves children in preschool through 9th grade through a number of programs. Different age-appropriate nature themes are offered throughout the summer. The center also offers a number of overnight trips for older campers. Teens 14 and older can participate as summer teachers/naturalists in training. For details, call 203-966-9577 or visit [newcanaannature.org](http://newcanaannature.org). Also visit the Nature Center Preschool section for details on programs and activities.

The **New Canaan YMCA** (203-966-4528/[newcanaanymca.org](http://newcanaanymca.org)) offers several summer day camps: Camp Mini for 3 to 5 years old; Camp Y-Ki, a traditional outdoor camp for kindergarten through sixth grade; Super Sports Camp, for grades 1-6; Diving/Gymnastics Camp for ages 7 to 13; Synchronized Swimming Camp for boys and girls 6 to 14; Leaders in Training and Counselors in Training. There is also a Special Cares Camp for special needs children.

**New Canaan Mounted Troop** offers summer camp programs for 7- to 17-year-olds. Call 203-966-0634 or visit [newcanaanmountedtroop.org](http://newcanaanmountedtroop.org).

**Bobby Valentine's Sports Academy** offers New Canaan baseball and softball clinics for all ages in winter, spring and summer. Call 203-968-2872 or visit [bobbyvacademy.com](http://bobbyvacademy.com) for information.

**ToddlerTime Nursery School** at 23 Park Street has a camp program for 2 to 5 year olds. Call 203-972-3111 or visit [toddleretimes.org](http://toddleretimes.org) for more information.

For children in first grade to high school, the **Performing Arts Conservatory** has musical theater workshops. Call 203-966-6177/[performingartsconservatory.com](http://performingartsconservatory.com).

**The Studio** also features a summer program in acting, voice or dance for children/teens. Reach them at 203-966-7056 or online at [thestudioperformingarts.com](http://thestudioperformingarts.com).

### Youth Adult Partnership Board

This board is comprised of youth and adults "who come together with a common goal of making the New Canaan community a better place," reports Youth Services on its webpage at the town website. YAPB volunteers at a variety of not-for-profit fundraising and community service events. The YAPB has received recognition for their efforts including awards for community service. The executive board meets once a month at NCHS. All youth with an interest in participating are welcome. This board is organized through Youth Services. For more information, call Jacqueline D'Louhy at 203-594-3081.

### Theater programs

The **Town Players of New Canaan** (203-966-7084) has sponsored a full theater program for young people for more than 30 years at the Powerhouse Performing Arts Center in Waveny Park. Workshops include pantomime, improvisation, theater games and scene work, with a staged performance for friends and family at the end of each session. All activities take place on the stage of the



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group's 115-seat theater. For information on the summer session, call Deborah Runestad at 203-856-0334 or [debrunestad@gmail.com](mailto:debrunestad@gmail.com). You can download the registration form at the [info@tpnc.org](mailto:info@tpnc.org) website.

### Dance programs

There are several dance programs available for local youth — **New England Academy of Dance**, 231 Main Street (203-972-3265 / [neadance.com](http://neadance.com)); **New Canaan Dance Academy**, 15 Forest Street (203-972-9174 / [ncdacademy.org](http://ncdacademy.org)); **The New Canaan Cotillion** (203-831-9382 / [cotillionclasses.com](http://cotillionclasses.com)); **The Performing Arts Conservatory of New Canaan**, 70 Pine Street (203-966-6177 / [performingartsconservatory.com](http://performingartsconservatory.com)); **The Studio / A School for the Performing Arts**, 26 Forest Street (203-966-7056; [thestudioperformingarts.com](http://thestudioperformingarts.com)).

### Job opportunities for local youth

Other than local businesses and merchants, the **Career Resource Center** at New Canaan High School offers employment information and can help a teen over 14 get working papers through its Youth Employment Service. Y.E.S. is a community job posting service. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. during the school week.

For more information, call 203-594-4664.

Another source of employment possibility is through the **New Canaan Recreation Department**, which has year-round and seasonal part-time job openings. Job descriptions and applications are at the recreation office. For details, call 203-594-3600.

### Scouting programs

Boys in first through fifth grade may participate in Cub Scouts. Get in touch with **Pack 7** (United Methodist Church of New Canaan), Chris Dooley / [dooleyc@optonline.net](mailto:dooleyc@optonline.net) / [pack7nc.com](http://pack7nc.com); **Pack 70** (St. Mark's Episcopal Church), Chris Winalski, 203-594-9363 / [winalski@gmail.com](mailto:winalski@gmail.com); **Pack 86** (Church of Jesus Christ of LDS), Nick Anger, 203-966-0487, [Justinrexwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:Justinrexwheeler@gmail.com).

For local Boy Scouts (open to boys in grades six through 12): **Troop 31** (United Methodist Church), George Harvey (203-858-3311 / [harveygp@me.com](mailto:harveygp@me.com)); **Troop 70** (St. Mark's Episcopal Church) Eric Fill, 203-972-1773 / [ericfill@optonline.net](mailto:ericfill@optonline.net); **Troop 86** (Church of Jesus Christ of LDS), Bart Bradley, 203-517-8586, [bartbradley@hotmail.com](mailto:bartbradley@hotmail.com).

For Girl Scouts, there are the Daisys (youngest), Brownies (grades 1-3), Juniors (grades 4-6), Cadets (grades 7-9) and seniors (grades 10-12). Contact Girl Scouts of Connecticut at 1-800-922-2770 or visit the website at [gsocf.org](http://gsocf.org).

## Town Websites

**ABC House of New Canaan** - [abchouseofnc.org](http://abchouseofnc.org)  
**Arts for Healing** - [artsforhealing.com](http://artsforhealing.com)  
**Camp Playland** - [campplaylandofnewcanaan.com](http://campplaylandofnewcanaan.com)  
**Chamber of Commerce** - [newcanaanchamber.com](http://newcanaanchamber.com)  
**Carriage Barn** - [carriagebarn.org](http://carriagebarn.org)  
**Community Emergency Response Team** - [newcanaancert.org](http://newcanaancert.org)  
**Congregational Church** - [godsacre.org](http://godsacre.org)  
**First Church of Christ, Scientist** - [christiansciencect.org/newcanaan](http://christiansciencect.org/newcanaan)  
**First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan** - [fpcnc.org](http://fpcnc.org)  
**First Presbyterian Nursery School** - [fpns.net](http://fpns.net)  
**Grace Community Church** - [gracecommunity.info](http://gracecommunity.info)  
**Grace Farms Foundation** - [gracefarms.org](http://gracefarms.org)  
**HAN Network** - [Live.HAN.Network](http://Live.HAN.Network)  
**Hannah Benedict Carter DAR**: [newcanaandar.org](http://newcanaandar.org)  
**Lapham Community Center and Senior Center of New Canaan** - [laphamcenter.org](http://laphamcenter.org)  
**League of Women Voters** - [lwwnewcanaan.org](http://lwwnewcanaan.org)  
**Men's Club of New Canaan** - [newcanaanmensclub.org](http://newcanaanmensclub.org)  
**New Canaan Advertiser** - [ncadvertiser.com](http://ncadvertiser.com)  
**New Canaan Baseball/Softball** - [newcanaanbbsb.com](http://newcanaanbbsb.com)  
**New Canaan Basketball Association** - [ncbahoops.org](http://ncbahoops.org)  
**New Canaan Beautification League** - [newcanaanbeautification.org](http://newcanaanbeautification.org)  
**New Canaan CARES** - [newcanaancares.org](http://newcanaancares.org)  
**New Canaan Community Nursery School** - [nccns.org](http://nccns.org)  
**New Canaan Community Foundation** - [newcanaanconf.org](http://newcanaanconf.org)  
**New Canaan Country School** - [countryschool.net](http://countryschool.net)  
**New Canaan Democratic Town Committee** - [newcanaandems.info](http://newcanaandems.info)  
**New Canaan Exchange Club** - [newcanaanexchangeclub.com](http://newcanaanexchangeclub.com)  
**New Canaan Fire Company No. 1** - [newcanaanfire.com](http://newcanaanfire.com)  
**New Canaan Flag Football** - [ncffl.info](http://ncffl.info)  
**New Canaan Girls Field Hockey Association** - [fcfha.com](http://fcfha.com)  
**New Canaan Garden Club** - [ncgardenclub.org](http://ncgardenclub.org)  
**New Canaan Historical Society** - [nchistory.org](http://nchistory.org)  
**New Canaan Lacrosse Association** - [nclax.org](http://nclax.org)

**New Canaan Library** - [newcanaanlibrary.org](http://newcanaanlibrary.org)  
**New Canaan Lions Club** - [e-clubhouse.org/sites/new\\_canaan/](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/new_canaan/)  
**New Canaan Mounted Troop** - [newcanaanmountedtroop.org](http://newcanaanmountedtroop.org)  
**New Canaan Nature Center** - [newcanaannature.org](http://newcanaannature.org)  
**New Canaan Nature Center Preschool** - [newcanaannature.org/programs/preschool](http://newcanaannature.org/programs/preschool)  
**New Canaan Newcomers** - [newcanaannewcomers.com](http://newcanaannewcomers.com)  
**New Canaan Preservation Alliance** - [newcanaanpreservationalliance.org](http://newcanaanpreservationalliance.org)  
**New Canaan Public Schools** - [ncps-k12.org](http://ncps-k12.org)  
**New Canaan Republican Town Committee** - [newcanaanrepublicans.org](http://newcanaanrepublicans.org)  
**New Canaan Soccer** - [newcanaanfc.com](http://newcanaanfc.com)  
**New Canaan Society for the Arts** - [carriagebarn.org](http://carriagebarn.org)  
**New Canaan Travel Field Hockey** - [fcfha.com](http://fcfha.com)  
**New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps** - [ncvac.org](http://ncvac.org)  
**New Canaan Wrestling** - [newcanaanwrestling.org](http://newcanaanwrestling.org)  
**New Canaan YMCA** - [newcanaanymca.org](http://newcanaanymca.org)  
**New Canaan Youth Football** - [newcanaanyouthfootball.org](http://newcanaanyouthfootball.org)  
**Performing Arts Conservatory of New Canaan** - [performingartsconservatory.com](http://performingartsconservatory.com)  
**Rotary Club of New Canaan** - [newcanaanrotary.org](http://newcanaanrotary.org)  
**Silver Hill Hospital** - [silverhillhospital.org](http://silverhillhospital.org)  
**Silvermine Art Guild** - [silvermineart.org](http://silvermineart.org)  
**SPED\*NET** - [spednet.org](http://spednet.org)  
**St. Aloysius Church** - [starcc.com](http://starcc.com)  
**St. Aloysius School** - [staloyssiusschool.net](http://staloyssiusschool.net)  
**St. Luke's School** - [stlucesct.org](http://stlucesct.org)  
**St. Mark's Episcopal** - [stmarksnewcanaan.org](http://stmarksnewcanaan.org)  
**St. Michael's Lutheran** - [stmichaelslutheran.org](http://stmichaelslutheran.org)  
**Staying Put in New Canaan** - [stayingputnc.org](http://stayingputnc.org)  
**Strays & Others** - [straysandothers.petfinder.com](http://straysandothers.petfinder.com)  
**Summer Theatre of New Canaan** - [stonc.org](http://stonc.org)  
**Town of New Canaan** - [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info)  
**United Methodist Church** - [umcofnewcanaan.org](http://umcofnewcanaan.org)  
**Volunteer Center** - [ucanhelp.org](http://ucanhelp.org)  
**Waveny Care Center** - [waveny.org](http://waveny.org)



# New Canaan

## *Points of Interest*

1. Waveny Park, including Waveny House, the Carriage Barn Arts Center, the Powerhouse Theater, Lapham Community Center and the town pool.
2. New Canaan High School, including Dunning Field
3. Saxe Middle School
4. South School
5. East School
6. West School
7. New Canaan Country School (private)
8. St. Luke's School (private)
9. St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church and St. Aloysius School
10. New Canaan Library
11. New Canaan Historical Society, including the Town House, Costume Museum, Cody Drug Store, the Hanford-Silliman House, the Tool Museum, the New Canaan hand press, the John Rogers Studio and Museum, and the Rock School
12. New Canaan Nature Center
13. First Presbyterian Church
14. St. Mark's Episcopal Church
15. St. Michael's Lutheran Church
16. Congregational Church-United Church of Christ and God's Acre



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17. First Church of Christ, Scientist
18. New Canaan Town Hall
19. New Canaan Fire Company No. 1
20. New Canaan Police Department
21. Mead Park
22. Waveny Care Center
23. Silvermine Guild Arts Center
24. Country Club of New Canaan
25. New Canaan YMCA
26. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
27. Kiwanis Park
28. Irwin Park



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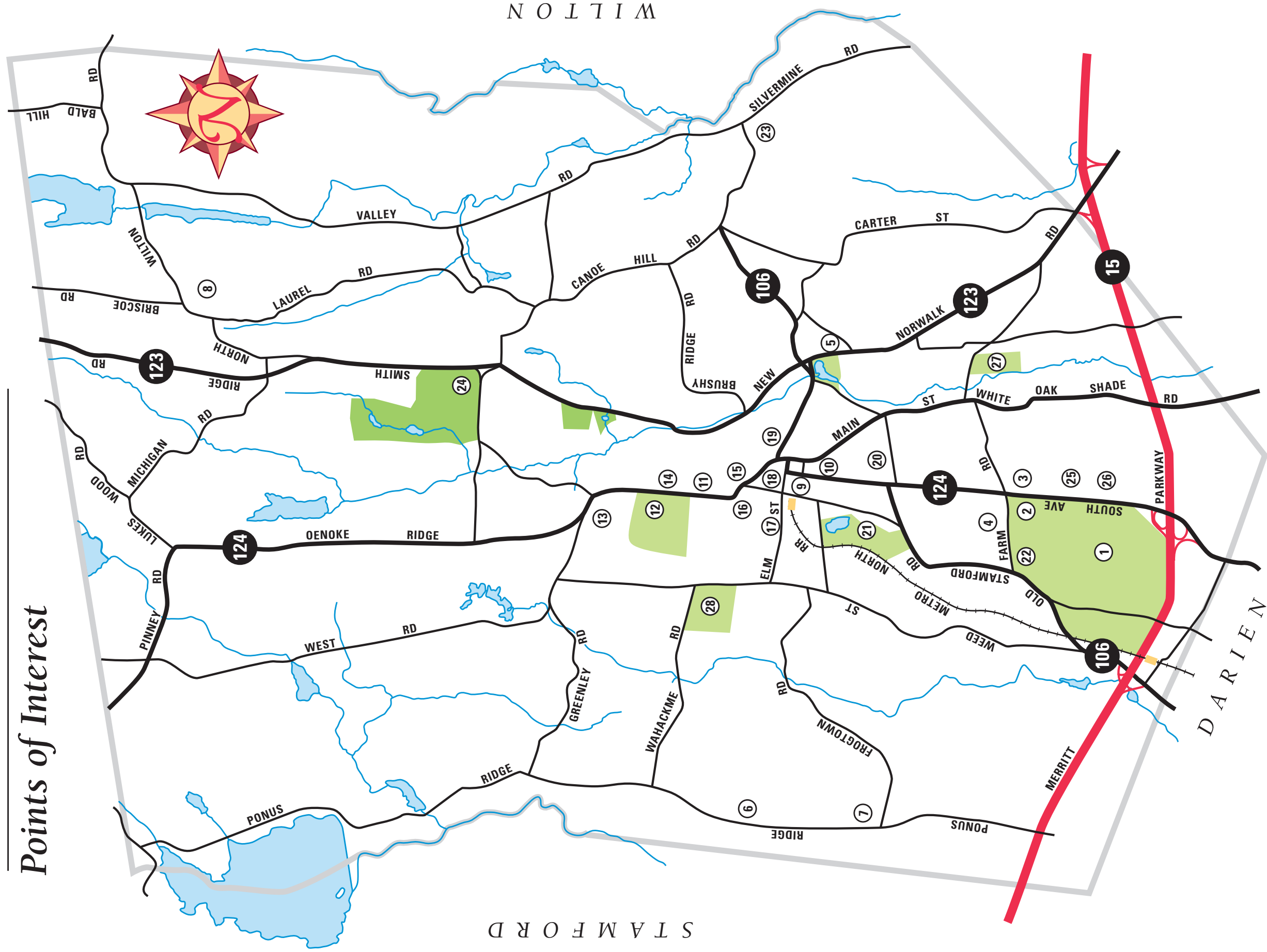
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New Canaan's central governing bodies are the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Education, and Town Council. You can learn more about these branches of the town government on their respective web pages at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info)

**New Canaan Town Hall**, which houses most town offices is at 77 Main Street. Renovation and expansion of Town Hall was completed in 2015. The original building was erected in 1909. The \$18 million construction project's chief objectives were renovation; preservation and restoration of historical aspects of the building; safe and efficient flows of citizens visiting Town Hall and employees there; vehicular and pedestrian safety at the site; and high technological functionality.

Most town offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. They include first selectman, finance, tax collector, tax assessor, fire marshal, town clerk, and registrars of voters. The building, health, inland/wetlands, and planning and zoning offices are open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The human services offices are next door in a yellow Victorian house known as Vine Cottage. Access is via Park Street. The Parking Bureau is at police headquarters, 174 South Avenue, and the hours are 8:30 to 4:30. The recreation department is in Waveny House in Waveny Park. The recreation office is open 8:30 to 4:30 on weekdays.

The town's website is [www.newcanaan.info](http://www.newcanaan.info). The website has an easy to find and use separate link labeled online services. The menu on the left side of the online services page runs the gamut from obtaining agendas and meeting minutes to town clerk records. You can find forms, permits, bid notices and much more. Check out what your current property appraisal is or your tax bill. You can pay your taxes and parking tickets, reserve a paddle tennis or Mead Park tennis court, sign up for soccer or a class offered at the Lapham Community Center and much more.

Town officials are listed on the town's website. Go to Government, then Boards, Councils & Elected Officials.

The League of Women Voters of New Canaan will soon be distributing its 2018 edition of the Know Your Representatives, a local government directory that is usually available at the first selectman's office, the library and other places around town. It can be viewed and downloaded at [lwvnewcanaan.org](http://lwvnewcanaan.org). Residents can look up their voting district there as well.

### Elected & appointed boards

The Board of Selectmen, Town Council, Board of Education and Board of Assessment Appeals are elected. The first selectman, town clerk, town treasurer, registrars of voters, judge of probate, and constables are also elected to their positions.

The Board of Selectmen appoints the members of all other boards and commissions: Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Audit Committee, Park and Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission, Police Commission, Fire Commission, Board of Health & Human Services, Parking Commission, Emergency Medical Services Commission, Youth Adult Partnership, Board of Human Services, Personnel Advisory Board, Historic District Commission, Building Board of Appeals, Housing Authority, Conservation Commission, and Utilities Commission.

There are also the Deer Committee, the Governance Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee, Fire Building Committee, P&Z Downtown Subcommittee, Senior Health & Housing Committee, among others.

The 12-member **Town Council** is New Canaan's legislative body. Its area of responsibility covers ordinances and appropriations. The council also is responsible for approving, disapproving or reducing appropriations recommended by the Board of Finance. The

council also selects the town's auditors. Meetings, which are open to the public, are the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., in Town Hall. You may email [town.council@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:town.council@newcanaanct.gov) or go to the town's website, and on the Town Council page, click on their names.

The **first selectman** is Kevin Moynihan, who was elected in the fall of 2017. A Republican, he is a former Town Council member. His job is a full-time salaried position. He is also chairman of the **Board of Selectmen**, which includes Selectman Kit Devereaux, a Democrat, and Selectman Nick Williams, a Republican, who had served on the Board of Education. All three are serving two-year terms, which expire at the end of November 2019.

The Board of Selectmen is responsible for directing the administration, policy-making and daily affairs of the town. The first selectman handles day-to-day administration, while the board handles major decisions.

### Town budget, tax rate

The New Canaan Town Council, in March 2017 approved the 2017-18 town budget with expenditures of \$148,136,106, which is 2.2% higher than the 2016-17 budget. The school budget for 2017-18 totals \$87.6 million, up \$1.6%.

The all-important, but rarely understood **mill rate** is the number that determines what residents and commercial property owners pay in New Canaan property tax. The mill rate for 2017-18 is 16.67. Take the number of thousands in assessed property value that you own, multiply it by the mill rate, and you will get your approximate tax bill.

For example, a home with an assessed value of \$1,500,000 has 1,500 thousands.  $1,500 \times 16.67 = \$25,005$  in tax.

The assessed value is 70% of estimated market value.

A New England term, the **grand list** is the town's tax base and represents all taxable property in town. It is compiled by the assessor's office as of every Oct. 1, and the preliminary list is released by late January. The assessments on residential and commercial properties, motor vehicles and business personal property are subject to an appeal process and may be changed by the Board of Assessment Appeals.

The total taxable grand list of real property in New Canaan has shown an increase of \$50,658,140 from last year, according to town Assessor Sebastian Caldarella. The grand list is the aggregate value of taxable property in a town, and New Canaan's went from \$8.29 billion in 2016 to \$8.34 billion in 2017, an increase of 6/10ths of 1%.

State law requires a revaluation every five years. New Canaan completed its latest revaluation in 2013. The revaluation and information about each property in New Canaan, including their assessments, is on the town's website at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info), using the "Property Appraisal Lookup" tab at the Online Services page.

The assessor's page has more links, including Real Property Records Search.

The results of the last revaluation now in effect are based on values as of Oct. 1, 2013. The next revaluation is in 2018. The assessor's web page at the town website has a 2013 Town Revaluation Project Information tab which links to answers to common questions and more details.

### Town assessor's office

The town assessor's office is responsible for determining the assessed value of your house. The assessor is Sebastian Caldarella. His office may be reached directly at 203-594-3008.

To find a property's value, residents can call the assessor's office at 203-594-3005 or go to the assessor's office and look at the field card for a property. The field card lists the particulars in figuring the

valuation of your home. In Connecticut, an assessment is equal to 70% of the fair market value as established by the assessor.

Residents may also visit online at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info) under the "Property Appraisals Lookup" tab, one of the many links at the Online Services section.

To question an assessment, residents first should call the tax assessor's office to review the assessment for any possible inaccuracies. If none are found and you still consider the assessment unfair you may apply to appear before a scheduled hearing of the Board of Assessment Appeals. Applications must be filed no later than Feb. 20. The board meets annually in March to hear appeals. The motor vehicle assessment appeal filing period is in September on a date announced by the board. You may email the board at [board.assessment.appeals@ci.new-canaan.ct.us](mailto:board.assessment.appeals@ci.new-canaan.ct.us).

There are tax relief programs for the elderly, the disabled, and veterans. For details, check with the assessor's office at 203-594-3008.

### Town tax payments

Property taxes are due in two installments, July 1 and Jan. 1, and may be paid at the tax collector's office in the Town Hall, or mailed to the address on the bill. Taxes may be paid within 30 days of the due date without penalty. You may also pay online. Vehicle taxes are due in one installment on July 1.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve you of the responsibility of paying any taxes, penalties, or interest due.

Rosanna DiPanni is the tax collector. She may be reached at 203-594-3063. The main number is 203-594-3064.

Taxes support schools, police, road improvements, debt payments, and all other town services. A detailed accounting of how collected taxes are spent are included online at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info) under the finance department link.

If you fail to pay your taxes by the due date, you will be charged 1.5% interest each month on the installment balance. This works out to 18% annually. In addition, before the end of each fiscal year, real estate liens are filed against all properties on which there is a delinquent real estate tax.

### Registrars of voters

There are two paid registrars, one from each of the two major parties. They are elected to two-year terms in even-numbered years. They administer all elections and safeguard the voting rights of all citizens. They are also responsible for voter registration and promote voter education projects. The registrars' office maintains the accuracy of the voter registry.

The registrars of voters are George Cody, Democrat, Joan McLaughlin, Republican, and John Amarilios. They may be reached at 203-594-3060. or by email: [George.Cody@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:George.Cody@newcanaanct.gov), [Joan.McLaughlin@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Joan.McLaughlin@newcanaanct.gov) and [John.Amarilios@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:John.Amarilios@newcanaanct.gov).

As of Oct. 3, 2017, there were 13,590 active, registered voters in New Canaan, according to the Connecticut Secretary of the State Office. There were 6,427 active Republicans; 2,869 active Democrats and 4,153 active unaffiliated voters. A total of 141 residents were enrolled in minor parties such as the Libertarian and Green and other third parties.

To register to vote in New Canaan you must be at least 18 years old by Election Day, a U.S. citizen, and a bona fide resident of the town. The deadline to register is 14 days prior to an election. You may enroll in a party or switch parties if already registered.

You may register Monday through Friday between 8:30 and 4:30 at the registrars' office or the town clerk's office at town hall. You may also register by mail. To get a mail-in registration form, call the registrars' office at 203-594-3060 or go online to the registrars'

page at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info) to obtain a form.

The Department of Motor Vehicles and library also have voter registration forms. Forms may also be downloaded from [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info).

Enrollment in a party allows you to participate in primaries and caucuses. You may also serve on the local town committee and participate in its activities. Party membership is the most common route to serving on town boards and commissions.

### Voting districts

There are three voting districts: **District 1** is the west side of town, from the Stamford border to Route 123. Vote at the New Canaan High School gym.

**District 2** is sandwiched between Routes 123 and 106, bordering Wilton and New York state. Vote at the Saxe Middle School gym.

**District 3** is the southeast corner of town, bordering Norwalk. Vote at the Saxe Middle School gym.

If you are not sure of your voting district, call the town clerk (203-594-3070) or registrars' office (203-594-3060) or visit [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info). There is a map of the districts at the registrars' web page or maps are available at their office. An online link at the New Canaan League of Women Voters' website ([lwvnewcanaan.org](http://lwvnewcanaan.org)) provides voting district information by street address.

The borders of New Canaan's voting districts changed following the redistricting of state assembly districts, changes which will be used for elections through 2021.

### Absentee ballots

Any registered voter who will be out of town during all voting hours may cast an absentee ballot. Other reasons, such as illness



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or religious beliefs, allow use of absentee ballots by people who will be in town during polling hours. Applications are available through town clerk's office. You can apply for an absentee ballot online, as well.

You may vote by absentee ballot for any election, including a referendum.

To obtain an absentee ballot, residents must first fill out an application, which you can pick up at the town clerk or registrars' office in the Town Hall, or it may be mailed to you at any address. After you return the application, it will be processed and the absentee ballot will be sent to you, but not until two to four weeks before the actual election. If the ballot is printed and ready, you may fill it out at the town clerk's office.

Absentee ballots are available for a referendum but special restrictions may be in effect. They can be mailed to a person upon request.

### Town elections

Election of town officials occurs on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November in odd-numbered years. State and federal elections are held in even-numbered years.

A referendum is a question or proposal that is submitted to a vote of the electors or voters of a municipality. The outcome may be legally binding or non-binding, depending on the nature of the question. Typically, a referendum is used to approve or reject a budget or major project.

### Town Hall services

The office of Town Clerk Claudia Weber is one of the busiest in town. The town clerk handles the filing of liquor permits, trade names, notary public records, dog licenses, peddler licenses, and accepts the official filings for all minutes and agendas for the town boards and commissions. The office also records land records including deeds and survey maps.

The office is on the first floor of Town Hall. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 203-594-3070. Janet Donohue and Ellen Petersen are the assistant town clerks.

As a chief election officer, the town clerk also helps to administer elections through the absentee ballot process and is the official record keeper for all town elections and referenda.

Additionally, the town clerk is the "keeper of the seal" of the town and certifies various documents, maintains archives and works on special projects.

A marriage license may be obtained in the town clerk's office where either the bride or groom, or partners, live or where they plan to be married, so long as both parties meet state eligibility requirements for marriage. No blood test is required. Both must appear, present a photo ID, and swear an oath. The license costs \$30 and is good for 65 days.

Deeds are open to the public and are available for review in the town clerk's office.

The general public is allowed to peruse marriage and death record indexes and can obtain copies. Restrictions may apply. Birth certificates are confidential. Certified copies of birth certificates will be issued only to the person in question, or, in the case of a minor, their parents or other designated persons.

### Building & zoning issues

The **Planning and Zoning Commission** regulates the use and development of land by issuing permits for new construction and by adopting and enforcing zoning regulations. The commission reviews applications and makes decisions on new commercial and residential construction.

The commission normally meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the auditorium (first floor) at the Town Hall. To contact the commission you may email the interim town planner at Keisha.Fink@newcanaanct.gov.

Keisha Fink is the interim **town planner**. She may be reached at 203-594-3042. Her office is focused mainly on land use matters. It reviews applications, enforces zoning regulations, and advises the planning and zoning commission. It also develops and maintains the Plan of Conservation and Development.

**New Canaan's Building Department** issues building, mechanical, oil tank, and demolition permits and certificates of occupancy. It also inspects all jobs that require permits, and reviews plans to be sure they comply with mechanical and building codes. Brian Platz is the chief building official. His office is at Town Hall and may be reached at 203-594-3012.

**The Zoning Board of Appeals** considers requests for special exceptions, called variances, to the town's zoning regulations. This board meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at Town Hall. To contact the Zoning Board of Appeals, email the interim town planner at Keisha.Fink@newcanaanct.gov.

### Tree warden

Bob Horan, New Canaan's tree warden, makes sure town trees are properly maintained, removed and replaced if deemed hazardous. E-mail: TreeWarden@newcanaanct.gov; phone: 203-594-3107.

### Political party committees

To get actively involved in town government, you may or may not become affiliated with a political party and volunteer your services. If certain functions of government interest you, such as education, recreation or zoning, attend some of the meetings of the agency involved. All town agency meetings are open to the public.

For more information, you can call Republican Town Committee (newcanaanrepublicans.org) Chairman Pat Donovan at 203-966-9335; email chairman@newcanaanrepublicans.org, or write to P.O. Box 42, New Canaan 06840; or the Democratic Town Committee (newcanaan Dems.info) Chair Elizabeth Jones via bethapy@aol.com, or write to P.O. Box 1294, New Canaan.

To contact the Connecticut Green Party, call 888-877-8607 (website: ct.greens.org).

The political parties nominate candidates for elected or appointed positions. Non-party candidates may petition to get on the ballot for elected positions. The Board of Selectmen may appoint voters who are not affiliated with any party to non-elected committees, commissions, and boards.

Candidates for appointed boards are appointed by the selectmen, often upon recommendations from the political parties and the current board members.

### Town treasurer

Town Treasurer Andrew Brooks, elected in the fall of 2013, has general oversight of town receipts and expenses. He also signs off on official statements for bond issues and reviews disbursements. His signature appears on town checks. He can be reached at 203-594-3024.

### Probate court

New Canaan's probate court is consolidated with Darien's probate court to form the Darien-New Canaan Probate Court District 52. This court has jurisdiction in the matter of administering estates and approving adoptions.

The Probate Judge is William P. Osterndorf, a Republican elect-

ed in the fall of 2014 to a four-year term. The probate judge may also appoint guardians for minors, appoint conservators for those who are incapacitated, and approve commitment papers for those who are mentally ill.

The local probate court is located at Darien Town Hall at 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT 06820. Phone: 203-656-7342; fax: 203-656-0774. Hours are 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday.

### Passport requirements

Passport applications are accepted at Darien Post Office, 30 Corbin Drive, Darien (203-655-2595); Springdale Post Office, 24 Camp Avenue, Stamford (203-321-3910); Ferguson Library at One Public Library Place; and the Harry Bennett Branch, 115 Vine Road, Stamford (203-964-1000); and Wilton Post Office, 15 Hubbard Road, Wilton (203-762-5555).

The U.S. Department of State's Connecticut Passport Agency opened to the public in a new location at 850 Canal Street, Stamford, in September 2012.

If you are traveling within two weeks, you may visit this agency. The agency is open Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 1-877-487-2778 or TDD/TTY: 1-888-874-7793. Information regarding hours of operation, fees, and application instructions is available on the website: [travel.state.gov/pass-port](http://travel.state.gov/pass-port). This is where you may obtain visas for foreign travel.

### Boards & commissions

Among the appointed **Board of Finance's** many responsibilities is reviewing and recommending the annual budget and setting the tax rate. The board also approves account transfers and special appropriations. It also administers the pension fund and bond issues. The board also serves as the Water Pollution Control Authority and oversees the sewer district.

The chairman of the Board of Finance is also the first selectman. The board meets every second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Additional meetings are held in February and March and are primarily related to reviewing the town and school budgets. Members are appointed for a four-year term and alternates for two-year terms.

Members may be reached by email at [BoFDistribution@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:BoFDistribution@newcanaanct.gov).

The town's interim **chief financial officer** is Sandra Dennies, (203-594-3024, [Sandra.Dennies@newcanaanct.org](mailto:Sandra.Dennies@newcanaanct.org)).

These three-person police and fire commissions are responsible for the management and supervision of their respective departments, their personnel, property and equipment. They are appointed to three-year terms. Serving on the **Fire Commission** are Jack Horner, chair; Kerry Smith and Al duPont. Email: [Fire.Commission@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Fire.Commission@newcanaanct.gov).

**Police Commission** members are James McLaughlin, Sperry DeCew, secretary, and Paul Foley. Email: [Police.Commission@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Police.Commission@newcanaanct.gov) (users should not use this email address to report an emergency).

The **Inland Wetlands Commission**, officially the town's Inland Wetlands Agency, upholds wetlands and watercourses regulations. Members are appointed for two-year terms and meetings are generally on the third Monday at 7:30 p.m., unless there is a legal holiday. Then it's the fourth Monday.

The **Park & Recreation Commission** is responsible for promoting healthy lifestyles, through a variety of leisure programs and activities. Nine members (no alternates) are appointed for a three-year term and meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Waveny House or Lapham Center. You may email [parkrec.commission@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:parkrec.commission@newcanaanct.gov).

The **Health & Human Services Commission** is a combination

of the Commission for the Aging, Youth Commission and Board of Human Services. The nine-member commission gathers information on all age groups and assists in applying state and federal programs to New Canaan residents. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at Vine Cottage, 61 Main Street. To reach the commission, e-mail [Carol.Mcdonald@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Carol.Mcdonald@newcanaanct.gov).

New Canaan's Historic District Commission is made up of six members who encourage the preservation and restoration of buildings in the historic Church Hill area, known as God's Acre. Historic district regulations are posted at the town's website. Janet Lindstrom is acting chair. Other members are Vice Chair Martin Skrelunas, Carl Rothbart, Richard L. Rose, Mark Markiewicz, Pamela Randon (alternate), Carl Rothbart (alternate) and Thomas Nissley (alternate). Email: [Janet.Lindstrom@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Janet.Lindstrom@newcanaanct.gov). Phone: 203-594-3013.

### Housing authority

New Canaan's Housing Authority has as its mission "to provide decent, fair, safe, and affordable housing for the tenants living at" the apartments that the authority oversees "and to accept and process applications, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, for vacancies as they occur," according to the town's website.

The facilities are Mill Apartments (40 apartments) and Millport Apartments (33 apartments).

The Housing Authority's office is at 57 Millport Avenue. Office hours are Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. Phone: 203-966-2408.

The facilities are managed by WinnCompanies, 717 Atlantic St., Stamford, CT 06902. Properties manager is A. Luisa Rijo, 203-961-1010, or [arijo@winco.com](mailto:arijo@winco.com).



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You may contact them via email at [Housing.Authority@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Housing.Authority@newcanaanct.gov).

### Meeting schedules & notices

Legal notices are notifications concerning meetings and actions of local councils, commissions and boards. In addition, other important town government information such as proposed budgets, town ordinances and invitations to bid on projects or provide the town services appear in legal notices.

Legal notices may be found at the town clerk's office at town hall. Many legal notices are required to be published in a newspaper having circulation in the town and almost all appear in the New Canaan Advertiser.

The Freedom of Information Act requires that all town commissions and board meetings be posted in advance and open to the public. The schedule for a board's regular meetings must be filed each year with the town clerk.

Special meetings may be called up to 24 hours in advance. Emergency meetings may be held without notice; however the board must file its minutes, including the reason for the emergency,

at the town clerk's office within 72 hours of the meeting.

For information on Freedom of Information requirements for boards, commissions, and ad hoc committees, visit the town clerk's page on [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info).

Meetings are posted in the town clerk's office, on the town website, and each week the New Canaan Advertiser publishes a list of upcoming meetings, usually on page four.

Generally, all meetings involving a quorum (three members of a five-person board, four of a six-member board) must be open to the public. However, Connecticut statutes allow a commission to close a meeting to the public if it is discussing personnel matters, litigation strategy or contract negotiations.

To close a meeting and enter into executive session, the board must take a vote and the meeting's closure must be supported by two-thirds of those present and voting. The commission cannot take any action while in an executive session. It must return to open session before voting on any items.

If you feel a meeting was held illegally, you may file a complaint with the state Freedom of Information office (860-566-5682), 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, 06106. Website: [ct.gov/foi](http://ct.gov/foi).



**Richard Blumenthal**



**Christopher Murphy**



**Jim Himes**



**Toni Boucher**



**L. Scott Frantz**



**Tom O'Dea**



**Fred Wilms**

### U.S. Senate

The senior senator for Connecticut is **Richard Blumenthal**, a Democrat from Greenwich, and a former attorney general for the state. Write to or visit Senator Blumenthal, Washington office: 706 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510; phone 202-224-2823. Hartford office: 90 State House Square, Floor 10, Hartford, CT 06103; phone, 860-258-6940. Email: [Blumenthal@senate.gov/contact/](mailto:Blumenthal@senate.gov/contact/) website: [blumenthal.senate.gov](http://blumenthal.senate.gov).

The junior senator is **Christopher Murphy**, a Democrat from Cheshire and a former congressman. Washington office: 136 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510; phone 202-224-4041. Connecticut office: Colt Gateway, 120 Huyshope Ave., Suite 401, Hartford, CT 06103; phone 860-549-8463. Website: [murphy.senate.gov](http://murphy.senate.gov).

### U.S. House of Representatives

New Canaan is in Connecticut's 4th Congressional District and is represented by **Jim Himes** of Greenwich, a Democrat. His local office is at 888 Washington Blvd., Floor 10, Stamford 06901-2927. Phone: 203-353-9400; fax 203-323-1793.

In Washington, he is at 1227 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; 202-225-5541, fax 202-225-9629; website: [himes.house.gov](http://himes.house.gov). Mr. Himes was re-elected to a fifth two-year term in November 2016.

### State Senate

The east side of New Canaan is in the 26th and the west side is in the 36th state senatorial district. Representing the 26th District is **Toni Boucher**, a Republican from Wilton and chief Senate Republi-

can deputy majority leader. She can be reached at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2302, Hartford 06106; 1-860-240-8800. Email: [Toni.Boucher@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Toni.Boucher@cga.ct.gov). Website: [ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-boucher](http://ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-boucher).

**L. Scott Frantz**, a Republican, represents the 36th District. His address is Legislative Office Building, Room 3412, Hartford 06106. His number is 1-860-240-8800. Email: [Scott.Frantz@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Scott.Frantz@cga.ct.gov).

### State House

New Canaan encompasses two districts, the 125th and 142th. The 125th District is represented by Rep. **Tom O'Dea** (R). He serves on the Judiciary, Legislative Management and Transportation committees. He can be reached by calling 1-860-240-8700; email: [tom.odea@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:tom.odea@housegop.ct.gov). Website: [cthousegop.com/contact-tom](http://cthousegop.com/contact-tom).

A section of southeastern New Canaan, (Silvermine and Hoyt Farm areas) has become part of the 142th District, represented by Rep. **Fred Wilms**, a Norwalk Republican who was elected in the fall of 2016. He serves on the Appropriations, Transportation and Planning & Development committees. He can be reached at 1-860-240-8700. Email: [Fred.Wilms@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Fred.Wilms@housegop.ct.gov). Website: [cthousegop.com/fred-wilms](http://cthousegop.com/fred-wilms).

### Contacting governor's office

Gov. Dannel Malloy, a Democrat and former Stamford mayor, was re-elected to his second four-year term in 2014. He may be reached at State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, 06106, 800-406-1527 or 860-566-4840. Email: [Governor.Malloy@ct.gov](mailto:Governor.Malloy@ct.gov). Website: [ct.gov/malloy](http://ct.gov/malloy). Nancy Wyman, a Democrat from Tolland, is lieutenant governor. Phone: 860-524-7384; email: [ltgovernor.Wyman@ct.gov](mailto:ltgovernor.Wyman@ct.gov).



East School Principal Kris Woleck welcomes the students as they get off the bus when they returned after summer vacation.

— Grace Duffield photo

New Canaan is 22.5 square miles and is bordered by Darien to the south, Stamford to the west, Pound Ridge, N.Y., to the north and Norwalk and Wilton to the east.

According to the 2017 town profile from the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, New Canaan’s population in 2015 was 20,219, up from 19,738 in 2010 and 19,395 in 2000. The town’s racial/ethnicity makeup was as follows: white, 17,859; Asian Pacific, 648; Hispanic (any race), 941; black, 374; other/multi-race, 492; Native American, 0.

New Canaan’s population is projected to decrease to 18,565 by 2020.

Fairfield County’s population, now at 939,983, is expected to grow to more than 944,692 by 2020, and the state’s population, at 3.59 million, is expected to rise only slightly to 3.6 million by 2020.

According to the 2017 CERC town profile, these numbers and percentages of New Canaanites fall into the following age ranges: 0-4: 1,180 (6%); 5-14: 3,871 (19%); 15-24: 2,511 (12%); 25-44: 3,403 (17%); 45-64: 6,125 (30%); 65+: 3,129 (15%).

The median age was 42 in New Canaan, and 40 in the county and the state.

According to the latest CERC town profile, the educational attainment was as follows: 9,635 (76%) of the 12,614 residents over age 25 had a bachelor’s degree or higher; 465 had an associate’s degree and 1,061 were high school graduates only.

New Canaan’s median household income in the 2015 town profile was \$168,311 compared with \$84,233 for Fairfield County and \$70,331 for the state. There were 6,857 households in New Canaan, according to the profile. The poverty rate was 2.5%, according to cerc.com. The poverty rate in the county was 9% and in the state, 10.5%.

According to the Connecticut Department of Labor, New Canaan’s labor force numbered 8,253 people at the end of February. Of those, 7,075 were employed, with 278 people unemployed; an unemployment rate of 3.4% (one of the lowest rates in the state). The state unemployment rate was 5.1%.

New Canaan is 59 miles southwest of Hartford, the state’s capital. It’s 152 miles from Boston, 41 miles from New York City.

The Weather Center at Western Connecticut State University says the average winter temperature on the Fahrenheit scale is

31.8 degrees, spring 47.7 degrees, summer, 70.1 degrees and fall, 52.9 degrees.

According to weather.com, the average high in July is 84 degrees, and the average low is 17 degrees in January. The record high was 102 degrees in July 1995. The record low was 18 degrees below zero in January 1982.



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## Waveny Park — 50 years later

By Kristan Sveda

This year marks 50 years since the town purchased Waveny from “the fairy godmother of New Canaan” Ruth Lapham Lloyd.

There have been many plans and ideas for the Waveny property over the years — some that have come to fruition (paddle courts and a senior center, now a community center) and others that have not (a golf course). But one thing is for certain: this park that is half the size of New York City’s Central Park (and designed by Central Park landscape architect Frederick L. Olmstead’s own son) has been a source of health, education and entertainment for decades.

### The town moves in

Within six months of acquiring Waveny in August 1967, the town moved the recreation department to “The Big House,” as the Lapham family once called it. While the house was closed up at first, articles in the Advertiser at the time of purchase say the house was “ready to be moved into” and that then-First Selectman Charles F. Kelley told the newspapers, “All it would need is furniture.” After the town made a few upgrades, including the kitchen, the first floor was ready for meetings and events. In summer of 1970, Waveny hosted its first wedding, according to Steve Benko, New Canaan recreation director, whose office is now among those located on the second floor.

### Here come the brides and more

Weddings weren’t a new occurrence at Waveny. In fact, just a few months before Lloyd sold the property to the town, she opened her estate for the scandalous royal marriage of George Henry Hubert Lascelles (also known as Lord Harewood, 40th in line to the British throne and first cousin to Queen Elizabeth II) to Patricia Tuckwell, an Australian violinist and former model. It was his second marriage. His first wife, Marion Stein, knew they had been having an affair since 1959 but refused to grant him a divorce until ’67 (after Tuckwell bore Lascelles a son in 1964). Queen Elizabeth had refused to let the couple marry in England (concerned about another royal scandal), so they came to the U.S. where divorcee Lloyd agreed to allow the couple to use Waveny for the ceremony and reception.

Since then, the town has hosted hundreds of weddings and

events at Waveny including the famed fictional marriage between Cliff and Nina on ABC daytime soap *All My Children* in 1981 (The show filmed scenes three times there and Waveny House was always shown as the fictional Cortlandt Manor). Waveny also played host to a campaign luncheon for former President Jimmy Carter while he was running for office, movie scenes for Hulk Hogan and Gene Wilder, and countless real brides whose weddings are recounted on Pinterest, The Knot and local photographers’ websites today. Many nonprofit community organizations also meet there.

“Waveny House is a key facility for many organizations to meet for free,” said Benko, listing Trout Unlimited, the New Canaan Garden Club, the Rotary Club and many sports organizations among them. Each year, Waveny is the site of the annual Fourth of July festivities with fireworks and picnics on the great lawn, the post-prom party for New Canaan High School and summer camp programs in July.

Former First Selectman Robert Mallozzi III was chairman of the Fourth of July festivities for nine years before he became selectman. “If you told me when I was younger what I was going to be doing, I would have thought I would have the greatest job ever. It’s one of the greatest things about New Canaan,” said Mallozzi, who noted that before the Laphams donated Waveny to the town, people had individual celebrations. Having Waveny has brought the community together.

“What the Laphams did for our town was provide something so unique to New Canaan,” he added. “They had the vision to not just turn over the land but add in lines to the purchase that provide institutions of the town that we wouldn’t be able to live without.”

### Health and education

But the house itself is just one piece of the puzzle. Before Lloyd donated the rest of her more than 300 acres to the town, she had donated nearly 50 acres for the construction of New Canaan High School. Since part of the agreement of the sale was to establish a healthcare facility, the town also began leasing 13 acres for the creation of Waveny Care Center now known as Waveny LifeCare Network, a nonprofit organization providing a continuum of healthcare for seniors, including residential and assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing, and a rehabilitation



In front of Waveny Park's mansion, there is plenty of room for learning to ride a bicycle. — Advertiser photo

center. In 1995, Jack Lapham's former bungalow residence was converted to a community center offering adult education and programming for seniors. Despite the addition of the Douglass room in 2005, the center is bursting at the seams with programs from yoga to creative writing.

"It's a unique piece of property that offers the town a nice mix of active and passive recreational needs," said Benko. Most of the active recreation happens north of the house, he added — ball fields near the water tower, a pool built in 2002, paddle tennis courts, which were moved to Waveny Lodge just before the house underwent a \$540,000 renovation in 2007, and a 1.5-acre dog park built in 2006, plus walking trails. "The Waveny pool has been an outstanding success," said Benko. "It's been a great asset to the community. Paddle tennis has been a really big contribution, too."

### Home for the arts

The arts have also thrived at Waveny. Within a decade after the town's purchase, the former power house was restored with private funding to house performances by The Town Players of New Canaan, which leases space there. The Carriage Barn Center for the Arts is celebrating 40 years since its restoration by a roll-up-their-sleeves group of volunteers from the Society for the Arts, which has its own long town history, according to the Carriage Barn website. It formed in 1895 but then dissolved years later until 1977 when Jan Fenton found an old sign in her attic from the 1902 New Canaan Art Show. Fenton was among the lead rehabilitators when the arts center restoration began. Work was completed within the year, and the first annual members show was held in June of '77.

Since then, the mission of the arts center has remained the same but the reach has expanded to draw from a much broader region as the center gains in notoriety. "We've had big juried

shows with submissions from New York City, Philadelphia and Rhode Island," said Hilary Wittmann, executive director of the Carriage Barn Arts Center. "It's still a place for New Canaan artists to exhibit their work and get involved, but definitely, that reputation has been established throughout Fairfield County and beyond." This season's contemporary arts show received 400 submissions and displayed 100. Gallery exhibits are open to the public each season (which runs September to June). Exhibits range from photography to sculpture (the New Canaan Sculpture Association has rented studio space in the basement for the last 20 years), and the performing arts have flourished there, too. "We have free chamber music and when we have our opening receptions we usually have music at those as well," said Wittmann.

### Growing resource

As Waveny gains fame across the region for its beautiful lawns and tremendous programming, it has not only drawn town residents, but people from all over the region. "Not many towns have 260-acre parks," said Benko. "We welcome everybody to come to our park. Mrs. Lloyd wanted it to be a focal point for the community. I think her expectations have been met and it's become a huge aspect of our community."

The challenge now is to meet the changing needs of that community and maintain the town's most valuable resource. Without some attention for many years, former corn fields are rife with invasive plants, the pond is on the brink of disappearing if not dredged and the house is in much need of some restoration after 50 years. In the third installment in June, we'll take a look at how New Canaan plans to address these growing needs, expand programming and preserve a significant piece of history for years to come through a partnership between the town and the Waveny Park Conservancy.

The **New Canaan Police Department**, located at 174 South Avenue, next to the Schoolhouse Apartments, was the sixth department in Fairfield County to become nationally accredited. It is headed by Chief Leon Krolikowski.

The department employs 47 sworn officers and six civilian personnel and handles criminal investigations and accidents, patrols the streets of New Canaan and offers a host of other services for residents. Call 203-594-3500 for routine calls. Website: [newcanaanpolice.org](http://newcanaanpolice.org).

Police provide fingerprinting of New Canaan residents and individuals employed by businesses in town on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 and noon. There is a \$15 charge. It's a good idea to call ahead. For information, call Jean Cross at 203-594-3503.

Residents may leave messages anonymously by calling the Tip Line at 203-594-3544 on suspected crimes that have occurred or other information that you feel would benefit the police department. This line is not for emergency calls, crimes in progress or other incidents demanding quick attention by an officer. Details on the specific information to include in Tip Line messages can be found at the town's website, at the police department link.

The police department offers a child identification kit to assist parents in the event their child was lost or abducted. It should include personal information, a recent photograph, medical information, fingerprints, and a DNA sample. The kits are completed by a police officer and kept by parents. For information, call the Youth Division at 203-594-3523.

## Dialing 911 for emergencies

Emergency calls should be made to 911, such as to report a fire, health or medical crisis, or police emergencies like a home intruder or other life-threatening situation. If in doubt about the severity of your emergency, call 911. The New Canaan Police Department answers all 911 calls. They will dispatch the police, ambulance and fire department as needed. The state mobile 911 system enables dispatchers to track a cell phone caller's location anywhere in the state.

People should not call for road conditions or routine services such as reporting barking dogs. Direct routine police calls to 203-594-3500.

The state's Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in Middletown has a Homeland Security Tip Line for individuals to use if they have information pertaining to suspicious persons or actions associated with a potential terrorist threat. Call 1-866-HLS-TIPS (or 457-8477). All calls are kept confidential.

## Ambulance service & hospital information

The **New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps** provides the town with continuous emergency service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Ambulance corps headquarters is next to the police station at 182 South Avenue. The non-emergency number is 203-594-3535. The website is [ncvac.org](http://ncvac.org). Anyone interested in becoming a member may call 203-594-3535 or visit [ncvac.org](http://ncvac.org) for information.

The ambulance takes patients to Stamford Hospital and Norwalk Hospital. Non-emergency patients who wish to be taken to other hospitals, medical offices and/or health facilities must make their own arrangements with a commercial ambulance service. The nearest emergency rooms are at Stamford Hospital (203-276-1000), 30 Shelburne Road, and Norwalk Hospital (203-852-2160) on Maple Street.

New Canaan has a **paramedic service**. Through the town of New Canaan, the ambulance corps has a contract with Norwalk Hospital to provide paramedic service 24 hours a day, every day. The paramedic responds to emergencies in the fly car behind the

ambulance.

A paramedic's skills are more advanced than an emergency medical technician. A paramedic can give advanced cardiac life support, IV drug therapy, medication for breathing problems and diabetic reactions, apply external monitors, and use advanced trauma techniques.

The ambulance corps does not charge for its services. It is volunteer and free to all patients. Separate paramedic charges may apply. **The Emergency Medical Services Commission** has oversight responsibilities. It also makes policy and sets guidelines. The commission meets the third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., in the New Canaan Ambulance Building, next to the police department. To contact the commission, email [EMS.Commission@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:EMS.Commission@newcanaanct.gov).

## New Canaan Fire Department

The New Canaan firehouse is at 60 Main Street, across the street from Town Hall. The phone number for routine calls is 203-594-3140. For emergencies, call 911. The department's for career staff's website is [newcanaanfirefighters.com](http://newcanaanfirefighters.com) and for volunteers, [newcanaanfire.com](http://newcanaanfire.com).

John Hennessey is New Canaan's fire chief. New Canaan Fire Company No. 1 employs 25 career firefighters and there are more than 30 non-paid (volunteer) firefighters. A staff of paid firefighters is on duty in the firehouse 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Volunteers carry pagers and respond when needed. The department responds to more than 850 calls per year.

In addition to structure, brush and vehicle fires, firefighters are trained to respond to motor vehicle accidents; water, ice, and confined space rescues; hazardous materials incidents; carbon monoxide emergencies; and a variety of other technical rescues.

Men or women must be between 18 and 55 years old, a New Canaan resident or Connecticut resident living no more than five miles from town, and have a valid driver's license. To apply, stop by the firehouse or email [recruits@newcanaanfire.com](mailto:recruits@newcanaanfire.com). An application may be downloaded from [recruits@newcanaanfire.com](mailto:recruits@newcanaanfire.com).

The **Fire Commission** manages and supervises the fire department by reviewing expenditures and recommending appropriate town financial support; recommending to the Board of Selectmen new personnel on the advice of the fire company, and appointing the fire marshal.

The commission meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse. Members may be emailed at [Fire.Commission@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:Fire.Commission@newcanaanct.gov).

Each household or business is allowed one false alarm per fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. Each false alarm after that will result in a charge of \$100 for police or EMS alarms or \$200 for fire alarms.

## Fire Marshal's office responsibilities

The **fire marshal's office** inspects all buildings, excluding one- and two-family homes, reviews plans for new construction and renovations, and performs inspections during construction. The fire marshal also responds to hazardous material spills, investigates the cause of all fires in town, issues blasting permits and handles blasting complaints. The fire marshal must also be present at all fireworks displays, both public and private.

The fire marshal's office, along with the fire department, offer fire prevention programs to nursery and elementary schools. There are also programs for older students. The fire marshal's office offers information on home escape plans, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguisher operation. The fire marshal is Fred Baker and his office can be reached at 203-594-3030 or by email at [fred.baker@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:fred.baker@newcanaanct.gov).

## Preparing for storms & emergencies

Michael Handler is New Canaan's emergency management director and deputy directors are James Cole, former chair of the New Canaan Police Commission, and Fire Chief Jack Hennessey. The town's Emergency Operations Center is at 174 South Avenue. The director's office: 203-594-4101 or email: Michael.Handler@newcanaanct.gov.

You can register online for the Emergency Call Out System at the Office of Emergency Management page on the town website. There are also links to the SmartPrepare Registry, FEMA, the Red Cross and more.

The director of emergency management coordinates the critical town services with the other local, regional, state and federal agencies. The director hosts a monthly public meeting to discuss recent developments in the town's preparedness posture. All members of the emergency services and the public are invited to join in these discussions.

In addition to the telephone call and text alerts, the New Canaan Office of Emergency Management maintains a Facebook page to help keep residents informed during power outages: [Facebook.com/NewCanaanOEM](https://www.facebook.com/NewCanaanOEM).

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program helps train and equip citizens to be prepared to help themselves and their neighbors in the event of a disaster, crisis, or common emergency. CERT collaborates with public safety agencies to provide the necessary help in case of a local disaster. CERT members can assist first responders, assist victims, and organize volunteers at a disaster site. Members must complete a six-session training program.

For complete information, go online to [newcanaancert.org](http://newcanaancert.org). CERT offers a 20-hour program, developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. You can also take training that leads to assisting emergency responders during a major disaster. The executive director is Nancy Upton, 203-966-1663.

**Hands for Life**, a new organization began training efforts in the spring of 2013 to help New Canaan take on the American Heart Association's challenge to educate a greater percentage of residents and workforce on how to save lives with CPR. The goal has been to train 1,000 adults in the community in Hands Only CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) without mouth to mouth, and the use of AEDs (automated electronic defibrillators). Website: [HandsforLifeNewCanaan.com](http://HandsforLifeNewCanaan.com).

For power outages or other concerns, call Eversource Energy, at 800-286-2000. Have flashlights or candles readily available. Don't use a gas stove or charcoal fires indoors for heat or illumina-



### A sweetheart of a fire truck arrives custom-made

**On Valentine's Day, a shiny new red fire truck — custom-made for New Canaan — came home to the fire department at 60 Main Street. The new pumper truck, Engine #7, took over a year to be custom built to meet the special specifications of New Canaan. The new fire truck, Engine #7, was photographed at the final inspection in January. The fire truck, at eight-feet wide, is not as wide or tall as fire trucks from many other cities or towns. Since the town's firehouse was built in 1937, it was "designed for antiques." The truck is nearly nine-and-a-half feet tall and around 30-feet long. There were also some updates, including to the master stream "deluge gun" that sits on the top of the truck is now remote control. In the past, an operator needed to sit on the top of the truck.**

tion and shut off electrical appliances. Website: [eversource.com](http://eversource.com). Outage map: [cl-p.com/outage](http://cl-p.com/outage).

For trees leaning on power lines, call the Public Works Department at 203-594-3054. If it is an emergency, call the police at 203-594-3500.

In case of a severe storm or emergency, residents should plan to have three important things: a meeting place; an out of area contact; and an emergency supply kit. Pick a location within walking distance of your home where your family members can meet in case you get separated or have to evacuate. During a disaster, you may not be able to make local phone calls, but you can call out of the area. Pick a family member or friend to serve as your family's contact. An emergency supply kit ought to have enough supplies to last three days as a minimum. Build a kit for home, for your car, and for your work. Remember to make sure your child is prepared for school.

Details on sheltering in place are available at the emergency management page at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info).

### Poison control hotline

A national number — 1-800-222-1222 — will link callers from anywhere in the country to medical experts at local poison control centers. The state center is associated with the University of Connecticut Medical Center. When fast medical assistance is needed in an emergency, call 911 and describe the problem to the dispatcher. The website: [aapcc.org](http://aapcc.org).

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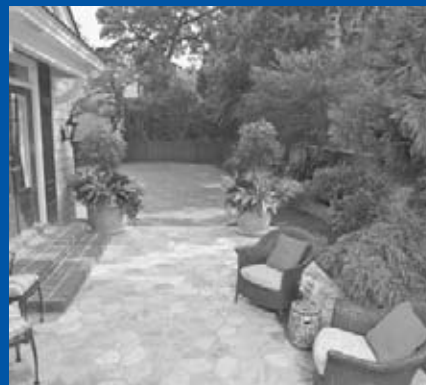
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## Waste disposal & recycling

Garbage collection in New Canaan is handled by private hauling companies. For the names of haulers, call the town's transfer station at 203-594-3703.

Residents can also take their own garbage and recyclables to the New Canaan Transfer Station on Lakeview Avenue. There is a residential drop-off area that is protected from the weather. The station is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. It is closed on major holidays.

Upon presenting a driver's license or registration as proof of residency — and a \$45 fee — New Canaan residents will receive a sticker for their car. For information, call 203-594-3703.

Residents may also drop off construction and demolition materials, brush and yard waste (including Christmas trees), waste oil, propane tanks, and tires at the transfer station. Residents may drop off up to 300 pounds per visit of construction debris, brush, and yard waste at no charge. Beyond that, there is a charge per ton that varies depending on the material.

The transfer station also accepts cardboard, mixed papers, newspapers, glass, plastics No. 1 through No. 7, and aluminum food containers. Junk mail and all the magazines along with newspapers and all the ad inserts that come with them are accepted for recycling. Containers must be empty and lids removed.

For information, call the transfer station or visit [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info), where there is an online recycling brochure, among other useful guides and instruction. Click on "Departments," then "Public Works," then "Transfer Station."

The town sponsors a hazardous waste collection day each fall. New Canaan also participates in a number of hazardous waste collection days with neighboring towns that residents may attend.

Every fall, starting in early November and ending around Dec. 1, the Public Works Department sends out a big, vacuum truck to collect leaves in areas of town zoned one acre or less. Homeowners should rake their leaves into a wind row along the edge of the road.

Homeowners may also take leaves (no twigs or grass clippings) to the composting site on Lapham Road (but only from residents not from contractors hired by residents). Call 203-594-3704 for the composting site hours. The state does not allow leaves to be dumped at the transfer station.

Beginning in spring, New Canaan residents can help themselves to leaf mulch from the mulch pile at the transfer station.

## Homeowner responsibilities

For information on performing work on your property, check the town's zoning regulations, which are available online at the Planning & Zoning web page at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info). You may also call Planning & Zoning at 203-594-3042 or the building department at 203-594-3012.

Before building or renovating anything, you should get in touch with the following departments: health, wetlands, engineering, planning and zoning, fire marshal, and building. Requirements depend on what is being proposed.

The burning of leaves and demolition materials for trash are not permitted. Burning permits are required for residents who wish to dispose of brush/branches. Burning permits are issued by the fire department (203-594-3140). Residents may stop by the firehouse to get a permit from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday; no Sundays or holidays. Burning is allowed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fire must be out by 5 p.m. Residents who wish to have small campfires (no more than 2'x2'x2') in their yards do not require a burning permit. The fire department urges residents to use common sense

and heed safety precautions.

The town does have a **noise ordinance**. Construction and lawn care noise is allowed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays and holidays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rest of the time, noise from machinery, regardless of how it is powered, may not exceed 45 decibels at the neighboring property line. There is an exception for snow blowers and snow throwers. Recreational vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles and dirt bikes, are limited to 55 decibels at the neighboring property line between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily, and 45 decibels the rest of the day. Blasting — with a permit — may be conducted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, excluding state or federal holidays. Complaints should be directed to the police department at 203-594-3500. Those found to be exceeding the limits may be fined \$100 per occurrence.

Normal tree maintenance and clearing of dead trees do not require a permit. For more ambitious projects, check with Planning & Zoning.

A permit is required to drill a well. The well must be a minimum of 75 feet from any source of pollution, such as a septic system, and 25 feet from curtain or footing drains.

Residents are generally not allowed to fill in a pond on their property. The town would rather see you restore it with professional guidance. Talk to the inland wetland agent in Town Hall before doing anything.

To help avoid digging up utility wires during construction, call the town engineering department at 203-594-3054 for utility markouts.

The fire marshal (203-594-3034) oversees all tank removals. Homeowners need a no-cost permit. The work must be done by a state-licensed spill or tank removal contractor. The fire marshal has a list or you may call your oil company. When the work is done, a soil test for contamination must be performed and results distributed as outlined on the permit. There are more detailed requirements for commercial establishments.

Generally, residents cannot plant or place anything (like a boulder) within the town's right-of-way. Flowers or groundcover less than 12 inches may be allowed, but may not interfere with sight lines or snow plowing. Do not complain to the town if anything along the right-of-way is damaged during snow plowing.

## Snow removal

Owners of residential and commercial properties are responsible for clearing sidewalks in a timely manner and using sand or salt as needed. Property owners are also responsible for maintaining the general condition of their sidewalks.

Residents are most likely responsible for repairing or replacing mailboxes damaged by town snow plowing. The town does not assume responsibility for replacing mailboxes or posts unless they are physically hit by plowing equipment. Mailboxes and supporting posts must be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal, including the force of snow and slush being plowed to the roadside.

## Well water issues

The town does not check to see if a home's well water is safe to drink. That is the responsibility of the homeowner. However, the health department will help you interpret the responsibility of the homeowner and the results of a test. Town Hall, 203-594-3018.

It is suggested that well water be checked every four to five years. If you suspect the well has been damaged by construction or landscaping, it might be a good idea to have it tested. In addition, if you notice a strange taste or a funny odor in your water, have it tested.

## Radon gas

Radon gas is a decay product of radioactive uranium that cannot be seen, smelled or tasted. Certain soils may contain high levels of radon, and well water that passes through may be a significant source of radon in a home. High levels of radon occur in Fairfield County.

Exposure to radon increases your risk of developing lung cancer.

The simplest way to find out if your house has high levels of radon is a carbon filter test, which can be done by the homeowner. Kits are available commercially, or may be purchased inexpensively

by calling the Radon Hotline, 1-800-SOS-RADON, operated by the National Safety Council.

## Laws protecting old homes

One law puts the brakes on demolitions. Applications for a demolition permit must be filed, published, and posted at the site. The New Canaan Historical Society, the Historic District Commission, and any taxpayer who requests it will be notified of any applications. Any objections must be made in writing within 15 days of the application. An objection be considered by the Historical Review Committee, which delay the demolition by 90 days.

# Utilities

## Water and electric

**Eversource Energy**, formerly Connecticut Light & Power, provides electricity for the town. For customer service — or for downed, burned, or hanging wires or if you see a flash or hear a loud noise — call 800-286-2000 any time (TTY/TDD: 800-842-0010). Eversource.com is the website.

Most homes in town have water supplied by **Aquarion Water Company**, with offices in Greenwich. The general number is 203-445-7310. The 24-hour emergency and service number is 800-732-9678. The company's website is aquarion.com. Water quality reports: aquarionwater.com/CT/WaterQualityReports. Public water comes from the Aquarion regional pipeline that passes through town on its way from Bridgeport to Stamford. The company can also connect to Stamford's water system as demand increases. For peak periods, the water company can draw from the Norwalk Second Taxing District.

Homes in the outlying areas of New Canaan have their own private wells.

Residential water customers are charged \$3.361 per 100 cubic feet (748 gallons) of water monthly, under rates effective Feb. 7, 2014. There is also a service charge based on the size of the meter.

If you have well water and an electric-powered well pump, you will not have water when the power goes off. However, most water systems will retain a residual amount of water pressure even after

pumps shut off. You may be able to draw a few gallons of emergency water from the faucets. People on public water lines should not be affected by routine power failures.

The town's sewer service area includes the center of New Canaan and most of the one-acre zoned areas. Sewer charges appear on a homeowner's tax bill. The rate is based on \$0.619 per \$1,000 of the taxed property value.

## Cable service

Cable service in New Canaan is provided by Cablevision Optimum, 28 Cross Street, Norwalk, 203-847-6666. Phone: 203-348-9211. The website is cablevision.com. Several satellite, Internet and fiber optic TV options exist today.

## Gas & propane

There are a number of area suppliers, including The Rural Gas Company (203-364-5816; rural-fuels.com), Hocon (203-853-1500; hocongas.com) and Gault Energy & Home Solutions (203-227-5181; gaultenergy.com)

In town, residents can get fuel oil from Dino's Oil Co. (203-866-3835), Dominick Fuel (972-2806; dominickfuel.com), Petro (800-645-4328), New Canaan Oil Co. (203-966-5539, newcanaanoil.com) in Wilton and Gault Energy & Home Solutions (203-227-5181; gaultenergy.com), among others serving the town.

# Transportation

The **New Canaan Highway Department**, at 139 Lakeview Avenue, maintains all town roads. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Connecticut Department of Transportation oversees state highways, which are Routes 106, 123, and 124. The Advertiser posts road work/closing alerts at its website, ncadvertiser.com and sends out tweets.

To report pothole damage on a town road, call the highway department at 203-594-3704. If it's a state road, call the Department of Transportation at 860-594-2000. If you're not sure who has jurisdiction, call the town. When calling, have the house number and nearest intersection. You may also fax information to 203-594-3706.

Most local roads have speed limits of 25 miles per hour. More traveled roads reach 35 miles per hour.

Passing a standing school bus will cost you \$465, and that's for a first offense.

## Department of Motor Vehicles

The nearest motor vehicle department office is in Norwalk at

540 Main Avenue. The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 860-263-5700, or access the DMV website at ct.gov/dmv. Many services and forms are available online.

Those in need of a handicapped parking permit or disability plates can apply at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Applicants must provide proof of disability with form B-225.

Drivers will be notified by mail of emissions test days. Vehicles must be tested every other year. New vehicles less than four years old or more than 25 years old are exempt. A safety inspection is not required for passenger vehicles. Any vehicle from out of state must have an emissions test and VIN verification before being registered. If you do not have your vehicle tested, it does not pass, or has not been granted a waiver, DMV will not renew your registration. For information, call 1-888-828-8399 or visit online at ctemissions.com. You can find the complete roster of stations online. The test fee is \$20.

## Getting a Connecticut driver's license

New residents of Connecticut are required to transfer their state driver's license within 30 days. You do not need to pass a Connecticut driver's test if you already possess a valid driver's license from another state. Vehicles are to be registered within 60 days. This requires visiting a full-service DMV branch for VIN verification. Call 800-842-8222 for details.

AAA welcomes members and non-AAA members to its offices for DMV services.

AAA offices perform several DMV services, such as verified driver's license renewals - U.S. citizens only; regular driver's license renewals; verified ID card renewals - U.S. citizens only; regular ID card renewals; duplicate driver's licenses, ID cards, and learner's permits.

When renewing a license at a AAA office, U.S. citizens will have a choice of a regular or verified license or ID card. Non-citizens will need to visit a DMV office to apply for a verified renewal. Check information on the SelectCT ID Program.

AAA offices do not process the following license-related services: commercial driver's licenses (CDL); licenses with endorsements/restrictions for public passengers; suspended driver's licenses. Your license will not be renewed until your license privilege is restored. See how to resolve a license suspension.

Note: For CDLs and licenses with endorsements, visit a DMV hub office.

AAA has the authority to charge a \$3 convenience fee for DMV transactions. The fee is payable to AAA. Call 1-800-842-4320 for AAA locations that provide driver's licenses. The closest one to New Canaan is the AAA Stamford office at 1115 High Ridge Road, which offers an online ask a question service. For more details, call 203-388-2189.

## Parking rules, costs

The **New Canaan Parking Bureau** is at New Canaan Police Department, 174 South Ave, second floor, and is open from 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday. The phone number is 203-594-3040. Visit the department's web page at [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info).

The **Parking Commission** has the following general responsibilities: Recommend rules and procedures regarding town off-street parking facilities to the Board of Selectmen. Recommend acquisition of land by purchase or lease for off-street parking. Consider gifts or other devices of land or money for parking and make recommendations concerning these matters to the Board of Selectmen. Recommend to the Board of Selectmen the establishment of fees and rules governing town-owned parking facilities. Recommend the installation of parking meters.

The Parking Commission also serves as the Board of Appeal for those wishing to appeal parking ticket fines. Contact: [parking.commission@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:parking.commission@newcanaanct.gov)

Free parking is allowed on most downtown streets for varying amounts of time, which are posted. There are municipal lots scattered throughout town. Depending on location, two-, three-, four-, six-, eight- and 12-hour spaces are available. Quarters may be required. There are meters at Talmadge Hill where you can get 12 hours for 12 quarters. Parking lot details are outlined on the parking authority's pages on the town website, [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info).

Permit spaces may be used free by anyone after 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except in the Park Street lot and Town Hall lot.

Permits for lots in town are available to business owners and employees.

There is free parking in the commuter lots on weekends and holidays. All metered spaces in municipal lots (except in the Morse

Court lot on Saturday) are free on weekends and legal holidays.

Fines are \$30 for parking in a no-parking zone or taking up two spaces, \$40 for parking in a permit space without a permit or for a second parking violation, \$50 for double parking, to \$75 for obstructing a fire hydrant or crosswalk. Illegally parking in a handicap zone will cost \$150. Unpaid fines are doubled after 14 days. Accumulation of five or more unpaid fines may result in getting "the boot" or towed.

All-night parking (any vehicle parked for half an hour or more between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.) on any street in New Canaan is prohibited from mid-November to mid-April. All-night parking is allowed in the Locust Avenue lot. Regular enforcement resumes at 8:30 a.m.

## Annual parking fees

### Commuter lots:

RailRoad lot,	\$600
Richmond lot,	\$456
Talmadge Hill,	\$456

### Business permits:

Center lot,	\$144
Locust lot,	\$408
Telephone lot,	\$420

You must be a New Canaan resident to purchase a commuter (annual) parking permit. For a business permit, the business owner or employees of the business do not need to be town residents.

For more information, call the parking bureau at 203-594-3040. New Canaan commuters may fill out an application in the parking office or download it from the town website. When a space opens up, the next person on the list will be notified.

## Train stations & fares

There are two train stations in New Canaan — the **New Canaan Station** and the **Talmadge Hill Station**.

The New Canaan Station uses the E. Railroad Station Lot, which has 146 spaces. The 12-hour spaces cost \$5. There is no connecting service available at this station.

The station is fully ADA compliant for elderly and disabled. There are five handicapped parking permit spaces. The platform is at grade.

There are two ticket machines at the station. The machines are located in the middle of the platform west of the station building and accept cash, credit cards or debit cards. There is no staffed ticket office at the station.

The Metro-North fares to Grand Central Station in New York City are one-way and round-trip, for peak or off-peak hours. See chart below.

Train schedules and more fare options are available at the stations, by calling 800-638-7646 or online at [mta.info](http://mta.info). Webticket is \$13.06.

Ticket Type	At Station	On Board
One Way Off-Peak	\$11.50	\$18
One Way Peak	\$15.25	\$21
One Way Child Off-Peak	\$5.75	\$12
One Way Child Peak	\$7.50	\$14
One Way Senior Off-Peak	\$7.50	\$7.50
One Way Senior Peak	\$7.50	\$7.50
Weekly Pass	\$107.25	N/A
Monthly Pass	\$335	N/A

Canaan Parish Taxi (203-966-6866) meets most trains between 6 a.m. and 9:15 p.m.

**Amtrak** trains can be boarded at Westport, Norwalk or Stamford. For information, call 800-872-7245 or go online to [amtrak.com](http://amtrak.com).

## Baptist

**Community Baptist Church**, 174 Cherry St. The Rev. Daniel Hickman, Sr., pastor. Sundays: church school, 9:40; service, 11. Thursdays: Bible study, 1. First Saturday of the month: Trustee ministry, 8:30 a.m.; Deacon and deaconess ministry, 10 a.m. 203-966-0711.

## Christian (Other)

**Grace Community Church**, Cliffe Knechtle, pastor. Sundays: worship service, 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Grace Farms, 365 Lukes Wood Rd., New Canaan. bagels and coffee preceding. Child care, youth education and groups provided. 203-966-7600, Grace-Community.info

**Evangelical Free Hope Church**, 240 Wolfpit Road, Wilton. Dave Gish, Sr., pastor. Sundays: service, 9:30; nursery care and children's church provided; spiritual training, 10:45. 203-762-0706.

**Talmadge Hill Community Church**, 870 Hollow Tree Ridge Road, Darien. The Rev. Michael Zeman and Rev. Carter Via, ministers. Services are held at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Sunday School is held during the 10:30 a.m. service. Age 3 through grade 4 follow the Godly Play



Residents, relatives and friends gathered by the hundreds on God's Acre on Christmas Eve for the 98th annual community caroling. — Bryan Haeffele photo

## St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church

*We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ striving to proclaim the Gospel in word and in deed. Through worship, evangelization, formation and service we invite our brothers and sisters to know the Lord.*

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil for Sunday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am Family Mass,  
11:30 am Choir Mass & 5:00 pm Teen Mass

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 7 am, 9 am, 5:30 pm  
Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 7:00 am & 5:30 pm  
*(Special Mass Schedules for Summer & Lent)*

St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church  
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MEETINGS AT 7:30 PM

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JAMES 1:17

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good  
and the true, and you will bring them into your  
experience proportionably to their occupancy  
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## Religion

curriculum. Grades 5 through 8 uses our own SPARK curriculum. Please consult our website for Bible studies, youth group and other special offerings. Refreshments following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Merritt Room.

**New England Fellowship**, Saturday services 5:00 p.m., 163 New Canaan Ave., Norwalk. Graham Jones, pastor. Evangelical spirit-filled church, healing prayer following every service. 203-450-4564, [NewEnglandFellowship.org](http://NewEnglandFellowship.org)

### Christian Science

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**, 49 Park St., 203-966-0293. Sundays: service at 10:30; Sunday school, children's room for infants and toddlers. Wednesdays: readings from the Bible and the Christian Science textbook; testimonies of healing from congregation, 7:30 p.m. Monday to Friday: Christian Science Reading Room, 11-2; 203-966-0293, [ChristianScienceChurchNewCanaan.org](http://ChristianScienceChurchNewCanaan.org)

### Congregational

**The Congregational Church of New Canaan**, 23 Park St. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner, senior minister. Sunday – Worship Service, Chapel, 8:00 a.m. Bible Study, Library, 9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Meeting House, 10:00 a.m. Church School, 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Smith Hall, 11:00 a.m. [godsacre.org](http://godsacre.org).

### Episcopal

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 111 Oenoke Ridge. The Rev. Peter Walsh, rector. Sunday: worship services, 8 and 10 a.m., and 5 p.m.; adult Bible study, 9; speaker series, 9; adult choir rehearsal, 9; all Sunday school programs, 10. Monday: ACOA/Alanon, noon. Tuesday: A.A., 10, (open); ACOA/Alanon, noon. Wednesday: A.A., women's, 10 (open). Thursday: meditation, 9; A.A., step meeting, 8 p.m. Friday: Men's Club meeting, 10 a.m. 203-966-4515, [StMarks-NewCanaan.org](http://StMarks-NewCanaan.org).

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, 471 Mansfield Ave., Darien. Rev. Canon George I. Kovoor, rector. Sundays: services at 8:45, 10:30; Sunday school for pre-school-age-11 at 10:30; childcare available. Tuesdays: healing service, 10 a.m., lunch follows. Youth group info: 203-655-8773, [StPaulsDarien.org](http://StPaulsDarien.org)

### Greek Orthodox

**Archangels Greek Orthodox Church**, 1527 Bedford Street, Stamford. The Rev. Dr. Harry Pappas, Pastor. Sunday worship: Orthros (Morning Prayer) 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:45 a.m. Meditation and Prayer Monday – Saturday 8 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., and Sunday afternoons until 5 p.m. 203-348-4216, [office@archangelsgoc.org](mailto:office@archangelsgoc.org)

### Jewish

**Chabad of New Canaan**, 106 Main St. Levi Mendelow, Rabbi. Regular Shabbat and Holiday Services, family programs and classes. For more information and complete schedule, call 203-972-7708 or [ChabadNewCanaan.org](http://ChabadNewCanaan.org)

**Congregation Beth El (Conservative)**, 109 East Ave., Norwalk. J. Ron Fish, Rabbi. Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m.; Shabbat morning service, 9:15; Morning Minyan, Monday through Friday, 8; Sunday/secular holidays, 9 a.m.; breakfast with the Minyanaires, 8:45 a.m.; Light Learning with Rabbi Fish, Fridays, 9 a.m. 203-838-2710, [CongBethel.org](http://CongBethel.org)

# Religion

**Temple Sinai (Reform)**, 458 Lakeside Dr., Stamford. Jay TelRav, Rabbi. First Friday of the month services at 6 p.m.; all other Friday services are at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays: Bible study, 9 a.m.; service, 10:15. 203-322-1649, TempleSinaiStamford.org

## Lutheran

**St. Michael's Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 5 Oenoke Ridge. Rev. Dr. Derrick T. Fallon. Sunday - Worship and Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. Nursery care available during the service. Fellowship Hour follows the service. 203-966-3913; stmichaelslutheran.org.

## Methodist

**United Methodist Church of New Canaan**, 165 South Ave. The Rev. Eric Fjeldal, Senior Pastor. Sunday Worship and Sunday School, 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour immediately following service. 203-966-2666.

**Pound Ridge Community Church**, 3 Pound Ridge Rd., Pound Ridge, N.Y. The Rev. David Johnson, pastor. Sundays: worship, 10; nursery care and religious education provided. Holy Communion is the first Sunday of the month. 203-764-9000.

## Mormon

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 682 South Ave. Alan Pace, bishop. Sundays: Sacrament meeting, 1 p.m.; Sunday School, 2:15; Priesthood/Relief Society, 3:10; all visitors welcome. Tuesdays: young person activity and service night, 7:30. 203-966-9152.

## Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church, 178 Oenoke Ridge. Rev. Kathryn Kibbie Laird, acting interim head of staff. Thursday, Special Church, 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, AA meeting (closed), 9:15 a.m.; A.A. meeting (open) 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship, 10 a.m.; Tuesday: Leadership Team, 9:30 a.m.; Men's A.A., 8 p.m. 203-966-0002. Wednesday Cherub Choir, 5 p.m.; Carol Choir, 5 p.m.

## Quaker

**The Religious Society of Friends**, 317 New Canaan Rd., Wilton. Sundays: worship and First Day School, 10 a.m. 203-762-5669.

## Roman Catholic

**St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church**, 21 Cherry St. The Rev. Robert M. Kinnally, pastor. Saturdays: vigil Mass 5:30. Sundays: Mass, 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. 5 p.m. (teen mass); Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m., 5:30 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday additional 12:15 p.m. Mass; Saturday Mass 7 a.m.; Confessions, Saturday 4-5, and every first Friday 1/2 hour before Mass or by appointment.; Second Monday of the month: baptism instruction, 8 p.m. 203-966-0020.

## Unitarian

**Darien-New Canaan Unitarian Society**, Meets once a month in private homes. 203-655-4227.



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a more holy communion  
with one another  
and a greater love for the world.

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**8AM** Holy Eucharist

**9AM** Adult Education

**9AM-11:30AM** Informal Playtime  
(for children ages three and under)

**10AM** Church School

**10AM** Holy Eucharist with Choirs

**11:15AM** The World's Greatest Coffee Hour

**5PM** Holy Eucharist, Contemplative  
(Except July and August)

**5:30PM** Youth Group

### Weekday Worship

**Wednesday • 9:30AM**

Eucharist with Homily and Healing

**Thursday • 8:30AM**

Praying of the Rosary

**Thursday • 9AM**

Meditation Group

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It is the mission of the town **New Canaan Health Department** (203-594-3018) to control preventable diseases through education, inspections and monitoring by enforcing the federal, state and local codes, laws and regulations for maintaining and promoting public health.

It issues permits for septic systems and private water supplies and maintains files on private and public septic systems. The department also works with the human services department on housing issues, and with the animal control officer on animals suspected of carrying diseases like rabies or West Nile virus. The department inspects refuse and sewage pumps, daycare centers, and food service establishments.

The department also offers health information on blood lead levels in children, mosquito- and tick-borne diseases, flu clinics, mammography, and smoking cessation.

The town's director of health and medical director is Dr. David M. Reed. is the medical director and assistant director of health.

The health department is at Town Hall, 77 Main Street. Hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but doors are only open to the public until 3:30 p.m.

**New Canaan's Senior Tele-Health Wellness Program** invites residents aged 65 and over to sign up for the free, weekly, in-home health assessments. Tele-Health is a town-run program that provides a blood pressure cuff, a scale and a Fitbit activity monitor to seniors and connects the participants to the town's Public Health Nurse Bethany Zaro, RN, via a computer internet connection. With the equipment and connection, the seniors spend a few minutes each week with Zaro to monitor vital signs, activity levels and general physical wellness.

The equipment and services are completely free of charge. The program provides free health education information as well. 203-594-3093 Bethany.zaro@newcanaanct.gov

## Arranging for home care

**New Canaan's Department of Human Services** office (203-594-3076) offers visits by a nurse and initial assessments for home care services.

**Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County** offers skilled nurses, home health aides, physical, occupational and speech therapists, live-in help, shoppers, dietitians, companions, peer counselors, homemakers, medical social workers, a pre-hospice team, case managers, and caregivers providing respite services. In addition, the agency provides wellness programs, such as health screenings, immunization programs and health education programs. For more information, call 203-834-6341 or 1-800-898-HOME or visit [visitingnurse.net](http://visitingnurse.net).

**Interim Healthcare of Fairfield County** at 1177 High Ridge Road in Stamford may be reached by calling 844-240-7620. Interim HealthCare, founded in 1966, is a home care, hospice and medical staffing company. It provides a variety of home health, senior care, hospice, palliative care, pediatric care and healthcare staffing services. Interim's independent franchisees employ health care workers providing nurses, therapists, aides and other health care personnel. Website: [interimhealthcare.com](http://interimhealthcare.com).

**Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut** offers skilled nursing; occupational, physical, and speech therapy; medical social work and home health aides as well as many specialty services. Call 203-330-5538, or 1-800-551-8671, or visit [vnsct.org](http://vnsct.org).

## Aiding seniors with housing

**Staying Put in New Canaan** (203-966-7762/[stayingputnc.org](http://stayingputnc.org)) helps people over 50 live full, independent lives at home by offering access to social and exercise activities, household and

transportation services, and help with shopping. The nonprofit organization also helps arrange home health care services and assisted living at home.

Many of the visiting nurse associations listed in this section offer aides to assist with household chores. **Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County** provides assisted living at home for those who want help maintaining their independence at home. Services include help with cleaning, dressing, shopping, bathing and companionship. For more information, call 1-800-898-HOME or visit [visitingnurse.net](http://visitingnurse.net).

**Family & Children's Agency**, 9 Mott Avenue, Norwalk, offers homemakers and a home chore service. Call 203-855-8765 or visit [familyandchildrensagency.org](http://familyandchildrensagency.org).

**Waveny LifeCare Network**, 3 Farm Road, offers short- or long-term skilled nursing care and rehabilitation therapy to older adults and others affected by illness or injury. There is also a special long-term skilled nursing care unit for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. **The Village at Waveny Care Center** also offers assisted living for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of memory loss. Waveny Care Center is incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization. It was awarded a five-star rating in a ranking system by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. For information, call 203-594-5200 or visit [waveny.org](http://waveny.org). Both **Waveny Care Center** and **The Village at Waveny Care Center** offer respite stays to give caregivers the necessary time they need to rejuvenate, travel, etc. Waveny will help assess the level of care (skilled nursing or assisted living) you need. Call 203-594-5200 or visit [waveny.org](http://waveny.org).

The Connecticut Statewide Respite Care Program operates in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Chapters of Connecticut and the Connecticut Area Agencies on Aging. Eligible families may apply for daytime or overnight respite care services. Call 1-800-994-9422. Visit [ct.gov/aging](http://ct.gov/aging) services.

**Darien Health Care Center** (203-655-7727), at 599 Boston Post Road, provides skilled nursing and rehabilitation therapy for long- and short-term residents. The 120-bed, for-profit facility delivers a range of professional services, including: dementia services, wound care, skilled nursing for complex medical conditions, comprehensive physical, occupational and speech therapy, recreational services, social services, and geriatric/psychiatric services.

*Quality-related information on nursing homes is at [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov).*

## Support groups & hospice care

The **Center for Hope** in Darien offers a support group for people caring for patients with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Call 203-655-4693. Website: [centerforhope.org](http://centerforhope.org).

**Catholic Family Services** offers a caregivers support group. Call 203-323-1105. Visit [cccfs.org/services](http://cccfs.org/services) or [ct.gov/aging](http://ct.gov/aging) services.

**Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County** offers support groups for caregivers. For more information, call 1-800-898-HOME or visit [visitingnurse.net](http://visitingnurse.net).

Hospice is a community-based program that focuses on pain relief, symptom control and comfort for terminally ill patients, allowing them to be cared for where they are most comfortable, usually at home. There are several services to choose from. **Waveny Care Center** offers on-site hospice care. Call 594-5200 or visit [waveny.org](http://waveny.org). **Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield County** helps individuals and their families cope with terminal illnesses in the comfort and privacy of their own homes. Call 203-762-8958 or 1-800-898-HOME, or visit [visitingnurse.net](http://visitingnurse.net). **VNS of Connecticut's Hospice at Home** is focused on improving the patient's quality of life and addresses the physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs of patient and family. Call 800-551-8671 or visit [vnsct.com](http://vnsct.com).

**The Western Connecticut Association for Human Rights** (WeCAHR) helps people of all ages with disabilities share in all human rights and services. The agency assists people through the maze of social, political, legal and educational systems. For details, call 203-792-3540 or visit [wecahr.org](http://wecahr.org).

### Local pharmacies

**New Canaan Pharmacy** at 44 East Ave. (203-966-4575) is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**CVS** is at 94 Park Street (203-966-6758/[cvs.com](http://cvs.com)). Pharmacy hours are Monday through Friday from 8 to 9, Saturday from 9 to 6, Sunday from 10 to 6.

**Walgreen's Pharmacy**, 36 Pine Street (203-801-0121/[walgreens.com](http://walgreens.com)) is open Monday through Friday from 7 to 10, Saturday from 8 to 10, and Sunday 8 to 10.

**Greenwich Pharmacy & Spa**, 118 Main Street, (203-801-0808). Open Mondays through Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 9 to 5.

### Blood drives & CPR instruction

**New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps** offers classes on Hands-only CPR. 182 South Avenue. 203-594-3535. [Info@NCVAC.org](mailto:Info@NCVAC.org)

**Hands for Life** offers training to educate a greater percentage of residents and workforce on how to save lives with CPR. Website: [HandsforLifeNewCanaan.com](http://HandsforLifeNewCanaan.com).

Each year the **Red Cross** trains hundreds of people in CPR and first aid. For a schedule of classes, call 877-287-3327 or visit [ctredcross.org](http://ctredcross.org).

The **EMS Institute at Stamford Hospital** offers a variety of courses in CPR and first aid for the general public and health-care professionals. For more information, go to [stamfordhospital.org](http://stamfordhospital.org) or call 203-276-7164.

The **Red Cross** organizes local blood drives. Call 877-287-3327 or visit [ctredcross.org](http://ctredcross.org).

To give blood, you must be 17 or older and more than 110 pounds. Many questions will be asked in order to assure the donated blood will be safe. The entire process takes about an hour, which includes questions, blood donation and rest time.

### Counseling services & specialized treatment

**Lapham Community Center** (203-594-3620) offers a variety of health and wellness programs throughout the year. Visit [laphamcenter.org](http://laphamcenter.org) for a full listing. Also at Lapham, free blood pressure checks are offered every Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:30. Low-cost cholesterol screenings and mammographies are offered from time to time.

**Infoline of Southwest Connecticut** (211/[infoline.org](http://infoline.org)) offers information and referrals on adult day care, nutrition, home care, respite care, health services, mental health, social services, legal services, transportation, financial services, and other topics.

**New Canaan Human Services** offers information and referrals for services available in the community. Call 203-594-3076.

**The Connecticut Self-Help Network** is a statewide clearing-house for all support groups across the state. Its self-help directory lists more than 1,450 local and statewide groups dealing with abuse, addictions, bereavement, disabilities, health, mental health, parenting, and many other stressful life situations. It also has contact information for more than 1,000 national networks. For information, call 203-624-6982.

**Home Health Compare** allows consumers to see clinical information about home health agency quality. The service is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is

available online at [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov).

**New Canaan Youth Services** offers free counseling and crisis intervention for young people and families. The department also offers short-term counseling to parents. Call 203-594-3080.

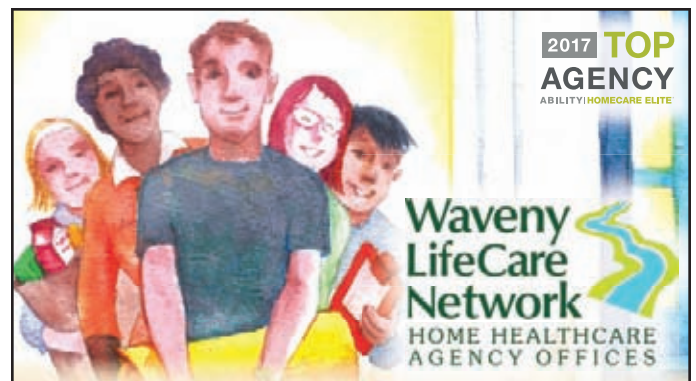
**New Canaan Human Services** offers counseling and crisis intervention for individuals and families. Call 203-594-3076.

**The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut** at 196 Greyrock Place, Stamford, serves New Canaan. It is a nonprofit mental health resource for area children and families. The center receiving referrals from schools, courts, human service agencies, and private physicians. Self-referrals are also encouraged. The center has a clinical staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists. Prevention services are also provided through public education and consultation programs. Call the New Canaan information line at 203-324-6127 or visit [childguidancect.org](http://childguidancect.org). The center also offers an Emergency Mobile Crisis Service, providing immediate mental health assessments and stabilization services for children and adolescents experiencing serious psychiatric symptoms or severe reactions to a recent traumatic event. The service is available 24/7. The emergency mobile crisis line at 211.

**Family Centers Inc.** (203-655-0547; [familycenters.org](http://familycenters.org)) at 590 Post Road in Darien, offers individual, family, and group counseling as well as services for elderly people and young parents.

**Family & Children's Agency** (203-855-8765; [familyandchildrensagency.org](http://familyandchildrensagency.org)) offers youth development, family strengthening, foster care, adoption, behavioral and homeless services and programs for seniors.

**Jewish Family Services** (203-921-4161; [stamfordjfs.org](http://stamfordjfs.org)) offers non-sectarian services including individual, couple, and group



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counseling; therapy; crisis intervention; and referrals.

**Kids in Crisis** (203-327-KIDS; kidsincrisis.org) in Greenwich offers crisis counseling, intervention, and emergency shelter for children up to age 17.

**Silver Hill Hospital**, 208 Valley Road, New Canaan, (203-866-542-4455; silverhillhospital.org) has an adult outpatient department with three programs: Dual Diagnosis/Chemical Dependency, Dialectical Behavior Therapy and Women's Trauma and Addiction. Call for more information and recommendations for youth outpatient programs and individual counseling from Silver Hill staff professionals.

**Liberation Programs** (liberationprograms.org) offers comprehensive substance abuse prevention and treatment options that address the needs of youth, adults, and seniors at risk for abusing or currently abusing alcohol or drugs. Family and Youth Options, offered through Liberations Programs' Prevention Program, offers telephone consultations, assessment and intervention, individual and family counseling, drug testing, peer mentor groups, group therapy and parenting help, anger management, and relapse prevention. The Darien office is at 2 Renshaw Road; call 203-655-8973. The Norwalk office is at 129 Grove Avenue; call 855-200-3883.

**Family Centers Inc.** (203-655-0547) and **Family & Children's Agency** (203-855-8765) offer substance abuse counseling.

*There are many support groups offered through Stamford Hospital, Norwalk Hospital, the American Cancer Society, the Center for Hope in Darien and other agencies. You may also call Infoline at 211 or go online to 211.org. You may also check with local and area churches.*

**Friends of Autistic People**, based in Greenwich, advocates appropriate services for the entire spectrum of an autistic adult's life. It offers parent support groups, education, and advocacy. Go online to autisticadults.com.

**Autism Speaks** is committed to the health and well-being of autistic children. For more information, call the Westchester/Fairfield chapter at 1-914-934-5138 or visit [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org).

The **ITP Foundation of Darien** is dedicated to battling the bleeding disorder immune thrombocytopenic purpura, also known as ITP. It is a blood disorder that affects the immune system and can occur in children and adults. For information, visit [itpfoundation.org](http://itpfoundation.org) or call 203-655-6954.

**Pegasus Therapeutic Riding** (845-669-8235; pegasusr.org) is based in Brewster, N.Y., but offers programs at horse farms throughout Fairfield County. Pegasus helps bring the therapeutic benefits of horseback riding to handicapped people of all ages. In town, programs are offered through New Canaan Mounted Troop (203-966-0634; newcanaanmountedtroop.org).

**Arts for Healing**, 24 Grove Street, is a nonprofit organization that provides creative arts therapy to children and adults with learning disabilities such as autism, Down syndrome, pervasive developmental disorders and other neurological disorders in Fairfield County. The organization serves all ages with music and art therapy. For children there is yoga play therapy, musical theater, and a special summer play studio. There is also a senior therapy program. For information, call 203-972-2982 or visit [artsforhealing.org](http://artsforhealing.org).

The **Domestic Violence Crisis Center** (203-853-0418; dvccct.org) offers crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, and education to help people break free from emotional, physical, or sexually abusive situations. The center also maintains a 12-bed shelter. The hotline number is 1-888-774-2900.

The **Sexual Assault Crisis Center** (203-348-9346; saccc-ct.org) offers free crisis counseling for victims of sexual assault and other support services. The center also runs a number of support groups. The 24-hour confidential hotline is 203-329-2929.

**Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut** (203-324-6127; childguidancect.org) coordinates the Lower Fairfield County Child Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART), an inter-agency collaboration integrating criminal investigations, child protection and comprehensive services for child sexual abuse victims and non-offending parents. The center also offers 24-hour outreach and mental health services to children exposed to domestic violence or other traumatic events.

*For information about cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and support services, contact the American Cancer Society's 24-hour, information line, 1-800-ACS-2345 and website, [cancer.org](http://cancer.org). The American Cancer Society provides free rides to-and-from cancer treatment, one-on-one personal support for breast cancer patients, and free wigs and beauty classes to help women with the side effects of treatment. Volunteers are always needed for these programs; call 1-800-889-3340 and press 3 to volunteer or for more information.*

**Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan** (866-542-4455) and **Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services** in Norwalk (203-221-8899) offer treatment programs for anorexia nervosa, bulimia and other eating disorders. Check Stamford Hospital's services for patients with eating disorders; call 203-276-1000. The Wilkins Center for Eating Disorders (203-531-1909/[wilkinscenter.com](http://wilkinscenter.com)) is in Greenwich.

A number of **Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings take place in town throughout the week. Since many meet in churches (particularly the Congregational Church, St. Mark's, First Presbyterian Church and United Methodist Church) check the church listings in The New Canaan Advertiser. For information about Alcoholics Anonymous and local meetings, call 203-855-0075 or 203-869-5221 in Greenwich. You can also visit [ct-aa.org](http://ct-aa.org) or [fairfieldcountyy-intergroup.com](http://fairfieldcountyy-intergroup.com). For meeting information for Al-Anon, which serves families of alcoholics, or Alateen, which helps young people affected by a drinking problem, call 203-206-0599 or 888-825-2666, or visit [ct-al-anon.org](http://ct-al-anon.org).

## Services for mentally ill

The **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill** has a Stamford-Greenwich affiliate at 730 Summer Street, Stamford. Call 203-388-1603.

For information or consultations, call the Mental Health Association of Connecticut's Supported Living Community (203-797-8621 or 203-798-2527). The association has a list of support groups throughout the state; call 800-842-1501.

**The Dubois Center**, 780 Summer Street, Stamford, is a state-owned outpatient mental health and addiction services center serving adults. Call 203-388-1600.

**Laurel House**, 1616 Washington Boulevard in Stamford, is a community association for people with mental illness helping them integrate into the general community. Call 203-324-1816 or visit [laurelhouse.net](http://laurelhouse.net).

**The Care Network**, a group of three area health care agencies, offers treatment, counseling and help in finding community resources; call 800-898-HOME.

Other sources of help include **Silver Hill Hospital** in New Canaan (203-966-3561) and **Hall Brooke Behavioral Health Center** in Westport (203-277-1251).

### Local news media

The **HAN Network**, formerly Hersam Acorn Newspapers, consists of 12 weekly newspapers and 16 community news and lifestyle websites, as well as many other special-interest websites. HAN Network also has a content studio that creates native content as well as complete production of commercials for clients as diverse as restaurants and preparatory schools. HAN Network has also launched an event marketing arm aimed at developing niche events in Fairfield and Westchester counties. HAN Network also owns Trumbull Printing — a 56,000-square-foot printing facility. This operation prints HAN Network publications as well as numerous weekly, monthly and quarterly publications around the tri-state area and the Northeast.

The **New Canaan Advertiser** print edition is published on Thursdays. The Advertiser editorial staff meets with readers for casual coffee and conversation from 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays at the New Canaan Historical Society. Visitors can just listen in or offer ideas or opinions. People can also drop by the office at 42 Vitti Street.

For announcements, including club news, weddings/ engagements, press releases/photos, school and arts and entertainment news, email the editor at [editor@ncadvertiser.com](mailto:editor@ncadvertiser.com) by noon on Thursday (at least one week in advance of desired publication). Or use the online submission form at the website, [ncadvertiser.com](http://ncadvertiser.com). Letters to the editor are due Monday at noon. Send sports news to [sports@ncadvertiser.com](mailto:sports@ncadvertiser.com) by 3 p.m. Monday. Obituaries should be sent in by Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

The Advertiser is in the daily news business through its website and social media outlets. Those looking for the latest New Canaan news can find it at [ncadvertiser.com](http://ncadvertiser.com), as well as articles exclusive to the site. Those looking for stories from previous issues can find them in the same place.

For the latest, up-to-the-minute news, sign up for free email alerts and daily email newsletter reports at [ncadvertiser.com](http://ncadvertiser.com). You can also try out and then sign up for the New Canaan Advertiser E-Edition, which lets you navigate online an exact replica of the printed newspaper. You can flip through pages and skim headlines just as you would with the printed newspaper in your hands. View articles, photos, ads, comics and more with the click of a button. Visit Hersam Acorn Subscription Services to subscribe to our e-edition.

The entire content of the newspaper is added to the archive within about two weeks after publication. You can search the Advertiser's archives by clicking on "Print Archives"

Businesses and individuals interested in advertising on the HAN Network may contact Jessica Murren at [jmurren@hersamacorn.com](mailto:jmurren@hersamacorn.com) or 203-273-7312. To view HAN Network content live or on demand, visit <http://HAN.Network> or any of our 18 news websites.

To advertise in the Advertiser, call 203-966-9541 and ask for the sales department. For classified ads, also call 203-966-9541 or 1-800-372-2790. For information on circulation and subscriptions, call 203-894-3388 or email: [circ@hersamacorn.com](mailto:circ@hersamacorn.com). You can subscribe online.

### Other news options

**Connecticut Magazine** (860-524-1020) is a monthly that covers the state; **Fairfield County Business Journal** (914-694-3600; [westfaironline.com](http://westfaironline.com)), contains business news of the county and beyond; **New Canaan-Darien Magazine** (203-222-0600; [newcanaanmag.com](http://newcanaanmag.com)) is a bi-monthly magazine with news and feature; **Newcanaanite.com** is an online news outlet covering New Canaan; and **New Canaan News** is a weekly newspaper covering New Canaan; 203-972-4400; [newcanaannewsonline.com](http://newcanaannewsonline.com).



The HAN Network's broadcasting division features live news, high school sports and lifestyle programming. News Director Kate Czaplinski and Sports Director Frank Granito co-host HAN's weekday news show, *Coffee Break*.

**New Canaan Television Channel 79** is the town's community television station (Cablevision's local government channel). Check it out for information on what is happening in town and for weekly programming from town offices, the library, sports, current affairs and documentaries, but especially public meetings of the town government — Town Council, commissions, boards, committees, etc.

### Local television & video

**NCTV Channel 79** is interested in viewers' ideas for new programs. Contact the station at [info@nctv79.org](mailto:info@nctv79.org). The station's website, [nctv79.org](http://nctv79.org), offers more information and live program streaming. The Advertiser publishes a weekly listing of programs and the town hall website, [newcanaan.info](http://newcanaan.info), posts a broadcast schedule, too.

New Canaan High School students run a fully functional newsroom and execute their live and recorded broadcasts of morning announcements, sports, weather, among other reportings on NCTV-78. The program continues to grow, winners of six awards, including 'best news show,' at the 2014 Cablevision's Educational Access Awards.

Board of Education meetings are now broadcasted live on channel 78 then re-aired at a later date.

As part of the **HAN Network**, [ncadvertiser.com](http://ncadvertiser.com) streams **Coffee Break**, a daily news show, weekdays at 11 a.m. Also on the schedule are FCIAC sporting events featuring the New Canaan Rams; Nutmeg Sports, local sports talk, Monday through Wednesday at 2 p.m.; **CT Pulse**, a current affairs show, Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.; **Yankee Fisherman**, covering fishing throughout the region, Thursdays at 1 p.m. All shows can be viewed on demand in addition to during their regular time slot.

**Cablevision's Channel 12** occasionally covers news of New Canaan.

New Canaan offers numerous services and social programs for local senior citizens.

The **Senior Center** is located in the Lapham Community Center, which sits in a beautiful corner of Waveny Park. The community center is a widely used town facility offering more than 50 adult education courses and activities for more than 1,200 adult New Canaan residents annually.

Seniors are welcome to participate in the many adult education classes as well as day trips, special interest groups, films, lectures, and more. Lunch (\$4) is served at noon on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; for reservations, call 203-594-3620. Wednesdays is the traditional Senior Center day featuring a morning crafts workshop and discussion group followed by lunch and a program, usually a lecture, concert, party or movie. All classes and activities are outlined on the center's website at [laphamcenter.org](http://laphamcenter.org), and in the newsletter, which is mailed six times a year. Golden Nuggets, published twice a year by the Senior Center, offers timely information on health, finance, recreation, entitlements, legal issues, and more. To get on the mailing list for either publication, call 203-594-3620.

Another group available for seniors is the **Men's Club of New Canaan** offers a variety of activities to men 55 and older, including golf outings, organized hikes and walks, day trips, bridge, and a Friday morning speaker's program. Meetings take place Fridays at 10, in Morrill Hall at St. Mark's Church on Oenoke Ridge. For information, visit [smcnc.org](http://smcnc.org).

Bethany Zaro, R.N., MPH., is the town's **senior outreach worker and municipal agent** for the elderly and the veterans. She works closely with the Health & Human Services Commission and offers assistance and resources for adult & senior residents. Her office is at Vine Cottage and she can be reached at 203-594-3093 or by

email at [bethany.zaro@newcanaanct.gov](mailto:bethany.zaro@newcanaanct.gov).

### Special housing for elderly

**Canaan Parish / Mill Apartments / Millport Apartments** are subsidized housing units. Call 203-324-2154, ext. 16.

**The Schoolhouse Apartments on South Avenue** is an affordable housing complex with 40 single- and two-room units for functionally-independent residents. It is not limited to seniors. Call 203-972-0020.

Seniors may also call 211 or go on the Infoline website at [infoline.org](http://infoline.org). [Cthousingsearch.org](http://Cthousingsearch.org), lists accessible, affordable, and market rate rental housing in Connecticut.

### Independent, assisted living facilities

**The New Canaan Inn** is a retirement community for independent living at 73 Oenoke Ridge. Situated in a lovely, wooded neighborhood, the Inn offers private rental apartments, three meals daily, a 24-hour response system, housekeeping, and an award-winning resident activities program. It is an affiliate of Waveny Care Center. For information, call 203-966-1272 or visit [waveny.org](http://waveny.org).

**The Village at Waveny Care Center**, 3 Farm Road, is an award-winning assisted living residence with 52 apartments for people with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of memory loss. It provides one of the most advanced therapeutic environments in the world and has a licensed nurse, certified nursing assistants and home health aides on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All meals, social, recreational and spiritual activities are included. Call 203-594-5200 for more information or visit [waveny.org](http://waveny.org).

**The Greens at Cannondale** (888-256-1707; [thegreensatcannondale.com](http://thegreensatcannondale.com)), 435 Danbury Road; **Brookdale Place of Wilton** Assisted



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Living (203-761-8999; brookdaleliving.com) at 96 Danbury Road; and **Meadow Ridge** (203-544-7777; meadowridge.net) at 100 Redding Road in Georgetown are also private complexes that offer a variety of independent and/or assisted living services, including care for Alzheimer's patients.

*A complete list of senior housing available in a 14-town region of southwestern Connecticut is available from the Area Agency on Aging (203-333-9288) in Bridgeport. Website: swcaa.org.*

## Services for elderly

**Staying Put in New Canaan**, which is in its fifth year, is a nonprofit organization designed to help residents over age 50 enjoy safer, healthier and more independent lives in their homes. Through partnerships with proven providers of services, they are able to offer members preferred access to social and cultural activities, household and maintenance services as well as transportation and shopping assistance, among other services. Call 203-966-7762 or visit stayingputnc.org.

**Family & Children's Aid Homemaker/Companion** program is available to assist the elderly in everyday tasks so they can remain independent in their own homes. Mature workers help with chores such as meal preparation, housework, grocery shopping, companionship, laundry, etc. For information, call 203-748-5689.

**Family & Children's Agency Home Care Plus** (203-855-8765) offers a variety of services for a fee.

**Jewish Family Services** (203-921-4161; ctjfs.org) offers home companions and other services that enable seniors to remain safe, healthy, and independent in their own homes as long as possible.

**Meals on Wheels** offers two nutritious meals that are delivered five days a week to people of all ages who are unable to shop or cook for themselves. These meals are prepared by the kitchen staff of Waveny Care Center and are delivered by volunteers. For more information, call 203-594-5318, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**RUOK (Are You OK?)** is a free service of daily phone calls. At the same time each morning - between 8 and 10 - participating seniors receive a call to check on their well-being. For information, call RUOK at 203-966-1449.

The Adult Day Program at **Waveny LifeCare Network**, 3 Farm Road, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for disabled or frail older adults who are still living at home, but who may require personal assistance throughout the day and/or more social interaction. It offers flexible hours and days. Call 203-594-5200 or visit waveny.org.

**Pathworks Adult Day Services** (203-276-4992) is a program of Stamford Hospital at 26 Palmers Hill Road. It provides individualized services for adults with physical, social, cognitive or emotional limitations, including memory loss.

**The Brown Geriatric Evaluation Clinic at Waveny LifeCare Network**, 3 Farm Road, has a board-certified geriatrician to examine the cognitive, emotional, social, medical and functional status of an older adult. Call 203-594-5200 or visit waveny.org.

**Waveny Care Center's Geriatric Care Management** team helps family members and friends find solutions to maintain an older adult at their maximum level of independent function while having them remain safely in their home for as long as possible. For information, call 203-594-5200 or visit waveny.org.

## Senior healthcare specialists

**Waveny LifeCare Network's Brown Geriatric Evaluation Center** offers assessment services to review an individual's cognitive, psychological, social, medical, functional, and caregiver status.

**Waveny's Geriatric Care Management** team helps family members and friends find solutions to maintain an older adult at their

maximum level of independent function while having them remain safely in their home for as long as possible. For information, call 203-594-5200 or visit waveny.org.

**Yale-New Haven Hospital's Dorothy Adler Geriatric Assessment Center** (203-688-6361; ynhh.org) evaluates patients with age-related problems that affect daily functioning. The hospital also has a geriatric psychiatry unit. Call 203-688-7201, leave a name, telephone number and the best time for a volunteer to return the call.

**GetAbout van (203-972-RIDE)** offers transportation services to the elderly and handicapped for activities in town and for medical appointments within town and to surrounding towns. The van runs Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A voluntary contribution of \$3 is requested.

**New Canaan Human Services** (203-594-3076) offers counseling and information and referral services, and assists with applications for ConnPACE, the state prescription medicine program, fuel programs, and Medicare insurance. A listing of services can also be found at newcanaan.info. Human Services can give you a list of local, state and regional services. The services with contact phone numbers can be viewed online at newcanaan.info. If you drop by the Human Services office, staff there can give you information on health services, housing options, adult day care, legal aid, transportation, mental health counseling, financial assistance, volunteer opportunities, classes and activities, Meals on Wheels and more.

Also check the **Senior Go to Guide** at seniorgotoguide.com and at the home page, click on New Canaan where there is a directory of local resources for seniors and their families.

**The Center for Healthy Aging at Greenwich Hospital** (203-863-4374/greenhosp.org) offers a comprehensive aging assessment and other services. The hospital also has an Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit for older patients who need specialized attention during inpatient visits.

Stamford Hospital (1-877-233-WELL [9355])/stamfordhospital.org offers a geriatric assessment program and services.

There is also Norwalk Hospital's geriatrics consultation service (203-852-3112 / norwalkhospital.org).

## Insurance, fuel assistance

For insurance assistance, the **Connecticut Pharmaceutical Program** is for state residents (of more than six months), those 65 years of age or older, or disabled persons over 18. You are eligible if your adjusted gross income for the previous year, plus Social Security (minus Part B premiums) is less than \$23,700 for a single person and \$31,900 for married couples, and if you do not have an insurance plan that pays for all or a portion of prescriptions, according to the Human Services webpage at the town website. If you have an insurance plan with a maximum benefit, you may submit an application.

For fuel assistance, contact the Department of Human Services and schedule an appointment. The State Fuel Program runs October through March. You will be asked to provide proof of income, assets, age and disability (if applicable). If you are over the income limit for the State Fuel Assistance Program, the department will have you apply for the local program.

## Reporting elder abuse

Assuming it is not an emergency situation that would require calling 911, you may call the municipal agent for the elderly, Bethany Zaro, at 203-594-3093, or Protective Services for the Elderly (1-888-385-4225 or out of state, 1-800-203-1234; for after hours, call Infoline at 211), which will check reports of neglect, abuse, exploitation, or abandonment.

Since its founding in 1977, the **New Canaan Community Foundation** at 111 Cherry Street (203-966-0231; [newcanaan.org](http://newcanaan.org)), has made several million dollars in grants to local, nonprofit organizations and scholarships to New Canaan residents. NCCF partners with donors and provides a way for all residents of New Canaan to make a charitable impact by supporting causes that are important to them and to our community.

Donors make contributions directly to funds managed by the foundation. Board members and New Canaan volunteers review the grant requests received each year and after a thorough process, make grant allocations to address the critical needs of the community and support health and human service programs. Donors may also elect to establish their own grant-making fund to actively engage in improving the quality of life of others through philanthropy. Visit [newcanaan.org](http://newcanaan.org).

With more than 30 years of service to the town, **New Canaan CARES** (Community Awareness Responsibility Education Services) is an independent, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote the health and well-being of all members of the community. CARES provides responsive educational programs and professional development that support and strengthen parenting skills, positive youth development and healthy lifestyles. They offer parent seminars / talks via both the public and private schools, as well as in other community venues.

The CARES office is at 91 Elm Street, above the New Canaan Playhouse. For information, call 203-966-7862 or visit [newcanaan-cares.org](http://newcanaan-cares.org).

**Grace Farms Foundation** is a non-profit organization at 365 Lukes Wood Road, which provides a platform for people to experience nature, encounter the arts, pursue justice, foster community, and explore faith. Grace Farms is a welcoming place, open to the public, where a building designed by SANAA is seamlessly integrated into 80 acres of open space. A diverse natural habitat in the northeast corner of town, this former horse farm is home to numerous varieties of flora and fauna. Approximately 77 of the 80 acres will be retained in perpetuity as open meadows, woods, wetlands, and ponds.. Call 203-920-1702 or visit [GraceFarms.org](http://GraceFarms.org)

**New Canaan Lions Club**, founded in 1929, is the town's first established service club. Club members meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at noon at South End Restaurant, 36 Pine Street. Among its many activities, the club holds the annual pumpkin sale each fall. For more information, email Nicole Jezairian ([njezairian@newcanaanymca.org](mailto:njezairian@newcanaanymca.org)) or visit [newcanaanct.lionwap.org](http://newcanaanct.lionwap.org)

New Canaan's **Howard M. Bossa Post No. 653** of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is the town's oldest veterans organization. Chartered in 1921, the post meets the second Thursday of each month at the Masonic Lodge, 231 Main Street, at 8 p.m. Community activities include placing a new flag at the gravesite of each veteran on Memorial Day and placing a Christmas wreath on the gravesite of each veteran in December. For more information, contact Peter Langenus at [newcanaanvfw@gmail.com](mailto:newcanaanvfw@gmail.com).

**American Legion Post 30** is in New Canaan, P.O. Box 263,



Two plaques honoring those from New Canaan who fought in foreign wars were unveiled at Town Hall on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2017. Above, Wilma Shaw and Robert Batterson helped unveil one of the plaques, this one honoring those who fought in the Korean War as former First Selectman Rob Mallozzi II looks on. The plaque bears their names. The second plaque that was unveiled honored those from New Canaan who fought in Vietnam, Desert Storm and the Global War on Terrorism. — Grace Duffield photo

according to the legion's national website. Call 860-721-5942 for details.

The **Connecticut chapter of the American Red Cross** includes New Canaan and many area towns. Beginning in July 2009, eight Connecticut chapters, including New Canaan's, joined 141 other towns' Red Cross efforts and began working as one new chapter. The New Canaan chapter was once named as one of the best performing chapters out of over 800 in the United States by the National American Red Cross. For information on emergency and disaster assistance, CPR and first aid courses, blood drives, transportation programs, communication services with the armed forces, blood pressure screenings, and more, call 203-966-1663 or go to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

### Donation opportunities

**The New Canaan Food Pantry**, established in 2003 as a branch of New Canaan's Department of Health and Human Services, is at St. Mark's Church. Donations may be dropped at the Church House any day. Call 203-966-4515. For information on receiving food from the pantry, call the Human Services Department at 203-594-3076.

The **New Canaan Thrift Shop**, at 2 Locust Street since 1930, accepts donations of new and used clothing, household items, toys and books. The phone number is 203-966-2361. The thrift shop's hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 4, Saturday 10 to 1; it is closed on Sunday. Donation hours are between 9 and noon, Monday through Saturday. Donors are asked to not leave items on the porch when the shop is closed.

A **Goodwill Industries** of Western Connecticut donation truck comes to the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan on the second Saturday of the month, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. April through December.

## Help for newcomers

**New Neighbors** is a complimentary welcoming service for new residents. The New Neighbors package contains local information about the New Canaan community and the area to help new residents become quickly settled into their new community. Each package also includes generous gift certificates from locally owned businesses, as well as, the best and most reliable service providers in the area. For more information, contact Samantha Loomis at 914-263-0730 or Samantha.loomis46@gmail.com. If you are new to New Canaan, feel free to contact her.

**The Town Greeter** welcomes newcomers, offering free welcome visits with special offers and gifts. [thetowngreeter.com](http://thetowngreeter.com), or call Stephanie Radman, 203-952-4554, [stephanieradman@aol.com](mailto:stephanieradman@aol.com).

**Newcomers Club of New Canaan**, founded in 1957, is a social organization made up of some 400 local families dedicated to making the transition to life in New Canaan easier by providing opportunities for new friendships to be formed through activities with others who have similar interests. Visit [newcanaannewcomers.com](http://newcanaannewcomers.com) for more information.

## Volunteer opportunities

If you'd like guidance about what organizations might be a good fit for your skills and interests, contact the **New Canaan Community Foundation**, 203-966-0231; [newcanaanconf.org](http://newcanaanconf.org). They love to match people who care with causes that matter. Or, they recommend visiting [volunteersquare.com](http://volunteersquare.com) which is a terrific local online

matching tool for volunteers and organizations.

**The Volunteer Center of United Way of Western Connecticut** ([uwwesternct.org](http://uwwesternct.org)), with offices in Stamford, can help match people willing to volunteer with organizations that need them. Call 203-348-7711.

## Income tax assistance

Seniors and those with moderate incomes can get free help with their taxes through the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program**, offered during tax season at the New Canaan Library, 151 Main Street. Appointments are required; call 203-594-5003.

Seniors may also obtain information at Lapham Community Center regarding income tax assistance, health insurance, and other senior entitlements. Call 203-594-3620.

Anyone may call the IRS customer service line, 1-800-829-1040 during filing season. Tax forms and instructions, as well as free publications, are available by calling 1-800-829-3676. Copies of forms, publications and other helpful information are also available at the IRS website at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov)

## Funeral services

The only public cemetery in New Canaan is **Lakeview Cemetery** on Main Street. For information regarding burial plots, call 203-966-1861 or visit [newcanaanecemetery.com](http://newcanaanecemetery.com).

**Hoyt Funeral Home** is at 199 Main Street, 203-966-0700. [hoytfuneralhome.com](http://hoytfuneralhome.com). It's a family-owned business that has been serving New Canaan and the area since 1921.

# Business

## Chamber of Commerce

The **New Canaan Chamber of Commerce** provides residents and business owners with up-to-date knowledge of everything New Canaan has to offer. With offices at 91 Elm Street, the chamber has more than 400 members. The chamber also connects the community with commerce. Through town-wide events such as the Village Fair and Sidewalk Sale, New Canaan's Taste of the Town Stroll, Annual Golf Outing, Halloween Parade, Holiday Lights Festival, and Holiday Stroll, the chamber strives to reinforce this commitment to the New Canaan community and local commerce. For more information, contact Executive Director Tucker B. Murphy at 203-966-2004 or visit [newcanaanchamber.com](http://newcanaanchamber.com).

## Local real estate numbers

**New Canaan Board of Realtors** is located at 69 Grove Street. For more information, call 203-966-9523 or Executive Officer Lori Kelly at [office@newcanaanbor.com](mailto:office@newcanaanbor.com). New Canaan Multiple Listing Service, Inc.: [newcanaanbor.com](http://newcanaanbor.com).

The median price of New Canaan houses that sold in 2017 was \$1.5175 million, which is 1.3% less than the \$1.497 million median price of home sales in 2016.

The median is the point at which half of the sales are above and have are below.

The median price of New Canaan condominiums that sold in 2017 was \$680,000 or 8.3% lower than the \$741,500 median price of condo sales in 2016.

These numbers are from New Canaan MLS / Board of Realtors. The top 10 real estate single-account assessments on the 2017 grand list, according to the assessor's office, are:

**Country Club of New Canaan**, 95 Country Club Road,  
\$28,490,770;

**Town Close Associates Ltd Partner**, 106 Lakeview Avenue,

\$25,316,200;

**New Canaan Lumber Co.**, Elm, Grove and Pine streets,  
\$16,453,220;;

**Kathleen O. Tropin**, 260 West Road, \$15,760,850;

**Edward Simon**, trustee, 82 Brookwood Lane, \$12,367,950;

**De Lom Partners LLC**, 104 Dan's Highway, \$11,882,010

**Ann Marie Wilkins, trustee**, 1151 Oenoke Ridge & 671 West Road,  
\$10,627,050;

**721 North Wilton Road LLC**, 721 North Wilton Road, \$10,183,810;

**J.R. Silverberg Realty LLC**, Elm and Main streets, \$10,178,000;

**Hatfield Mews T H O Corp.**, 330 Elm Street, \$9,574,040.

## Postal services

The **New Canaan Post Office** is at 18 Locust Ave. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 203-966-1659.

Stamps can also be purchased at The UPS Store at 24 East Avenue; The Food Emporium, 280 Elm Street; CVS, 94 Park Street; and Walter Stewart's Market, 229 Elm Street.

## Local bank locations

Bank of America, 94 Elm Street (203-801-2671); 278 Elm Street (203-801-2671).

Bankwell in New Canaan, 156 Cherry Street (203-972-3838); 208 Elm Street (203-972-3838).

Chase Bank, 122 Main Street (203-972-1606), 21 East Avenue (drive-up).

Citibank, 175 Elm Street (203-920-4084).

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