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NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

LETTER FROM FIRST SELECTMAN DIONNA CARLSON

Dear Members of the New Canaan Community,

your feedback and concerns.

As your First Selectman, I am pleased to fulfill a campaign promise by launching this newsletter as a means to enhance transparency and communication between Town Hall and our community. It is my hope that this regular communication will provide you with valuable insight into the workings of your local government and offer you the opportunity to voice

Currently, we are in the midst of the budget season. I understand the importance of keeping you informed about the process. The Board of Selectmen has forwarded a budget with a 6.09% year-over-year increase to the Board of Finance, who is scheduled to finalize their review of the budget on March 7th and then forward their proposed budget to the Town Council. The Town Council is scheduled to vote on the final budget on April 2nd. Here is link to to the FY 2025 Board of Selectmen's Recommended Budget and Budget Presentations.

I encourage all residents to participate in the public hearings on the budget. The Board of Finance public hearing will take place on March 5th, and the Town Council public hearing will be held on March 28th. Your input and feedback are crucial as we navigate through this challenging budget year. Every board and department is expected to diligently seek cost-saving opportunities while maintaining the high level of services that our residents have come to expect.

community. You may email your comments and suggestions to me by <u>clicking here</u> and to subscribe to this newsletter, <u>click here</u>.

I am eager to hear from you about the topics you would like to see

ensure that this newsletter remains relevant and informative to our

covered in future newsletters. Your input will help shape the content and

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working together to build a stronger and more transparent local government.

Best,

Dionna Carlson

First Selectman



First Selectman Dionna Carlson Phone: <u>203-594-3000</u>





EVERSOURCE TREE TRIMMING SET FOR MARCH THROUGH SUMMER



Eversource plans to perform 20.85 miles of Enhanced Tree Trimming and 38.30 miles of Scheduled Maintenance Trimming in New Canaan in the coming months for a total of 59.15 miles of their 166.9 total miles of utility lines in town. The utility company provides electricity to over 8,600 New Canaan residential and business customers, and this work is intended to reduce the number of power outages caused by trees. Work is planned to begin in early March and continue through the summer. Residents impacted should expect to receive a mailer or door-knocker notice describing the work to be performed in front of their property.

Why Eversource invests in tree work:

a minimum of 20 feet above the line.

- To maintain electric service to their customers;
- To assure visual and physical access to their equipment; • To find trouble sooner and fix it;
- To prevent equipment damage replacing andrepairing equipment is very time-consuming and expensive; • To assure the safety of the public, their employees and

who may be working nearby Scheduled Maintenance Trimming is performed on a regular basis. The required clearance from power lines is eight feet on the sides, 10 below, and 15 feet above. Enhanced Tree Trimming is higher-priority, protects the "backbone" of the distribution system and requires greater clearances – eight feet on the sides, 10 feet

contractors, and for other utility workers (phone, cable TV)

With questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 203-594-3054, Tiger.Mann@newcanaanct.gov or the Tree Warden at 203-594-3107, <u>TreeWarden@newcanaanct.gov</u>.

below and removal of all overhanging limbs whenever possible or

TREE RELIABILITY 2023

CUSTOMERS SERVED 8,656

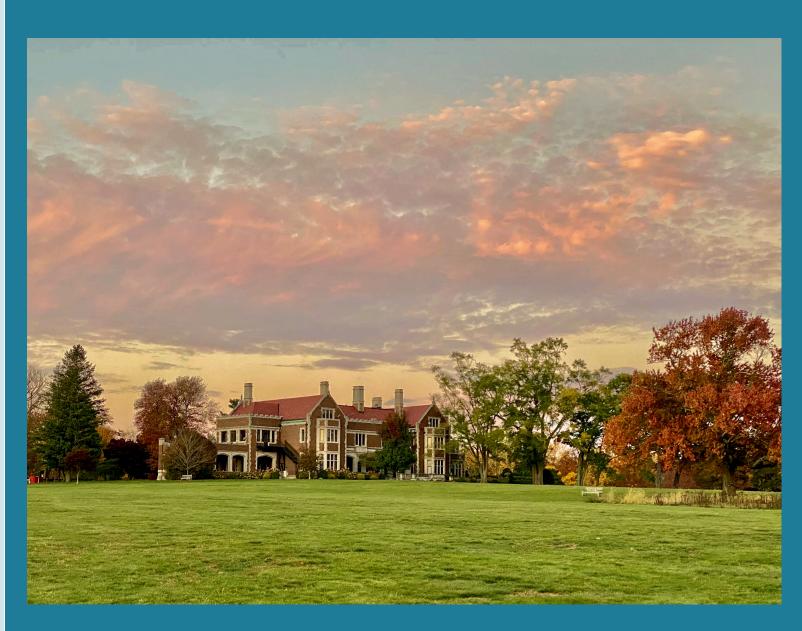
PERCENT TREE-RELATED OUTAGES 47%

> **OUTAGES** 304

CUSTOMERS IMPACTED 4,824

MINUTES CUSTOMERS IMPACTED 697,108

TOWN LAUNCHES PHOTO CONTEST THROUGH MAY 1



New Canaan's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Sub-Committee is launching a photography contest as part of its 10-Year Plan update. This is the next phase of a yearlong community engagement plan that started with a survey that received over 2,000 responses and was followed by multiple public hearings to share feedback directly with the sub-committee.

Today, we are tapping into the creative side of our townspeople and are seeking current photos of New Canaan that highlight what makes our town special. The contest is open to all ages and anyone in town who has a camera or smartphone. Photos submitted should avoid including people's faces, and focus on the town's land and buildings.

The POCD Subcommittee and staff will select as many photos as possible to include throughout the final plan, and the Winner's Photo will be clearly showcased. Please note that not every photo submitted to the contest will make it into the plan. The Town will also keep these photos and may use them for future purposes. Submitting a photo conveys permission for the Town to publish it.

Please submit your photos by email to sarah.carey@newcanaanct.gov before May 1,2024. In your email, reference the Photo Contest and include the photographer's name and address.

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Photo by Elaine Lloyd.



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