

# 10 Things We Love about New Canaan



## 1 Commuting

New Canaan is just over an hour from New York City. New Canaan has its own train station which offers services to Grand Central Terminal. Easy access to the Merritt Parkway from New Canaan also adds to its commuting ease.

### 2 Public Schools

New Canaan School District is a top rated, public school district. It prides itself on its student-teacher ratio of 13 to 1. The district has 3 Elementary Schools, 1 Middle and 1 High School. New Canaan Public Schools have been ranked as the top public school system in Connecticut and as the 19th best public school system in the country. New Canaan High School was also ranked the second best high school in Connecticut.

## 3 Shopping

If you're in need of retail therapy, visit New Canaan Down Town. From thrift shops to boutiques New Canaan has it all! Check out stores such as She La La, Vineyard Vines, Ally Bally Bee, Elm Street Books, Ralph Lauren and much more!



## 4 Waveny Park

Waveny park is made up of 250 acres of land, with 3.5 miles of trails for walking or jogging. It also features soccer, baseball and softball fields. The park's centerpiece is "the castle" built in 1912. A summer concert series is held on the patio of the historic Waveny House, which is now home to the NC Recreation Department.



## **5** Mead Memorial Park

Mead Memorial Park is a gem with ample playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts and waterways where kids can feed the ducks. A gourmet food stand also opens during the Summer.



#### **6 Restaurants**

From family-run establishments to world-class international cuisine. New Canaan is home to great restaurants, cafes, diners, coffee shops and bars. Some of the local favorites include Elm Restaurant, Tequila Mockingbird, Gates, South End and many more.

# 7 The Playhouse

The New Canaan Playhouse on Elm Street is a wonderful, historic theater that was built in 1923. The New Canaan Playhouse plays first-run and independent films with classic concessions.

## 8 New Canaan Library

New Canaan Library has been the town's intellectual center since 1877. Today, the Library is a vibrant community resource for learning and innovation, offering an extraordinary print and digital collection, dynamic programming, reader's advisory services, technology assistance, and maker spaces. Each month over 16,000 members come through the doors in search of knowledge, exploration and entertainment.



## 9 The Glass House

The Glass House is a unique architectural wonder that was built in 1948. Also referred to as the Johnson house, this house is now a historic museum on Ponus Ridge Road. This house and surrounding properties reflect the mid-century creativity of Philip Johnson.



## 10 Summer Concerts

The New Canaan Recreation Department in co-sponsorship with local merchants sponsor open air music concerts on the patio at Waveny House during the summer. The concerts will feature a variety of musical groups many of whom are from the Fairfield County area. All

of the concerts are open to New Canaan residents free of charge.



