

## William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty team in top 10

William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty announced that The Sneddon Team, based in New Canaan, was ranked again in the top 10 agent teams in Connecticut, according to the 2018 Real Trends America's Best list of real estate professionals.

The Sneddon Team, led by Jaime and Kendall Sneddon, were ranked the No. 9 team statewide by sales volume in 2017. This achievement also solidifies The Sneddon Team as the top selling agent team in New Canaan by a wide margin.

Developed by Real Trends and sponsored by the Wall Street Journal, this ranking lists the top agents and teams in each state.



The Sneddon Team

This accomplishment for The Sneddon Team is even more powerful considering agent teams are ranked in aggregate sales volume, with some teams having 50 or more agents, said the company's announcement.

Jaime and Kendall joined William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty last December, where they grew The Sneddon Team with the addition of experienced agents Ashley Howell Petraska and Bonnie Sztam.

"Since arriving with the company, The Sneddon Team have proven themselves an exceptional addition to our New Canaan brokerage. Their comprehensive and hands-on approach combined with their years of experience in the industry allows them to provide their clients with the best possible service," said Paul Breunich, president and CEO of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.

## Local kids' book author is awards finalist

A New Canaan resident Gigi Priebe is one of the finalists in the 2018 Connecticut Book Awards. The Connecticut Center for the Book, a Connecticut Humanities program, made the announcement. Priebe's book *The Adventures of Henry*

*Whiskers* was nominated in the Young Readers — Juvenile category.

The awards recognize and honors authors and illustrators who have created the best books in or about Connecticut in the past year.

Winners will be announced on Sunday, Oct. 14, from 2 to 3 p.m., at Staples High School in Westport. The awards ceremony is open to the public. For tickets and more information, visit <https://ctcenterforthebook.org>.

## Fire Department offers free inspection, smoke alarms, CO detectors

When September's extreme humidity set off Staying Put member Katch Cerow's smoke alarm, the New Canaan Fire Department came to the rescue, stopping the alarm and replacing Katch's expired smoke detector.

"We are grateful for the many resources in our town which help keep our seniors safe," said Barb Achenbaum, executive director of Staying Put in New Canaan, a nonprofit organization that helps seniors live safely in their homes as they age.

"And the good news is that this free service is available to all residents — not just seniors."

"October is National Fire Prevention month, but the New Canaan Fire Department is available to inspect smoke detectors any time for anyone in town free

tors expire," said New Canaan Fire Marshal Fred Baker.

In 2017, there were 370,000 structural home fires causing over \$5 billion in damage in the United States. One-fifth of these fires occurred in homes with no smoke alarms. In fires where the smoke alarm failed, almost half had missing or disconnected batteries, according to Baker.

"It's critical to make sure there are enough alarms in your home and that they are operational," he said.

In addition to doing the inspections, the Fire Marshal's office also provides free smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to those who need them.

For a free inspection, call the Fire Department at 203-594-3140 or the Fire Marshal's office



Firefighter Steve Gaeta replaces the expired smoke alarm