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An Excruciatingly Opinionated Guide to the Connecticut Shoreline

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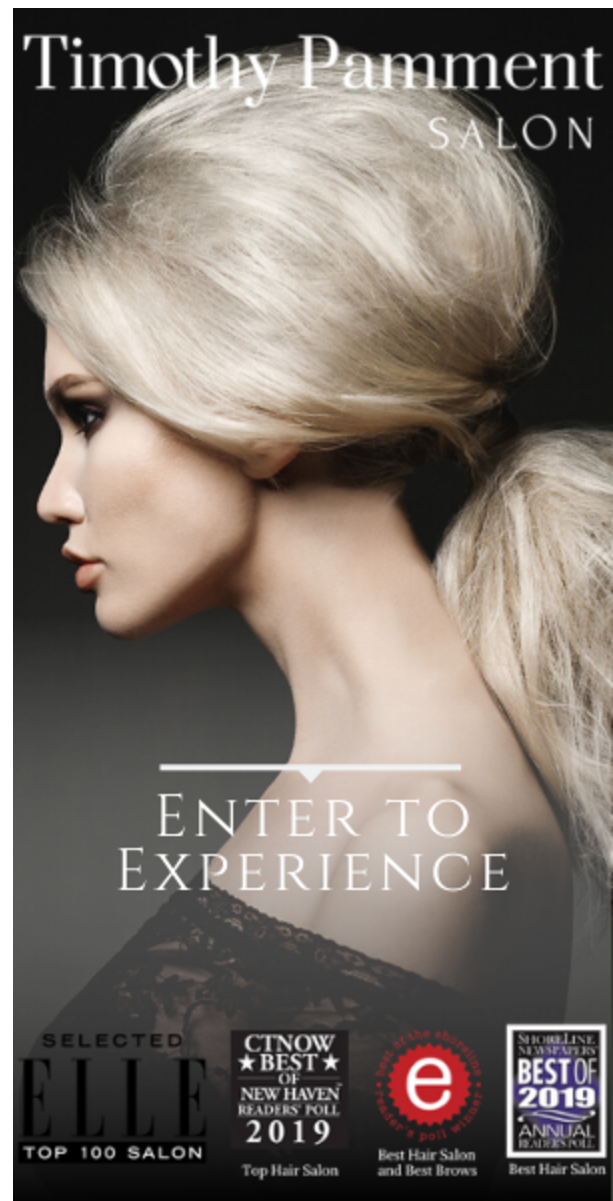


My favorite holiday is almost upon us, and although my family doesn't allow much wiggle room in

the menu (my husband's challah chestnut stuffing is always the favorite, see below), it's nice to have something new on the table. This year we reached out to some local and rather famous chefs for their favorite dishes for inspiration. And besides all the shopping, cooking, and cleaning, this year I'm planning to focus a bit more on all I'm grateful for. Including you, dear readers, for reading and sharing the list.

love, erica

p.s. SAVE THE DATE: We're heading to Guilford for our next Girls' Night Out on Thursday, December 12th.





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### **Harvard Beets by Chef Colt Taylor**

Give beets a chance to brighten up your table this year.

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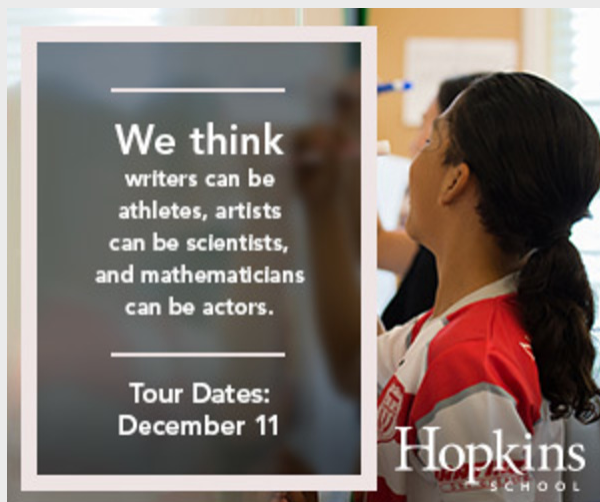
### **Pumpkin Stuffed With Everything Good by Dorie Greenspan**

A pumpkin housing cheese, herbs, and bread? Why not?



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## Sweet Potato Soup By Oyster Club Sous Chef Renee Touponce

We love the rich layers of flavor this soup has to offer. Your guests will too!



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## Roasted Squash Rings Stuffed with Quinoa Mushroom Salad by Priscilla Martel

This tasty side will satisfy the vegetarians at your table, too.

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## Triple-Layer Parsnip Cranberry Cake by Dorie Greenspan

Here's a confection that is perfect for all manner of celebrations; think glorious new version of a carrot cake! And you KNOW it's delish because it's from Dorie's latest book *Everyday Dorie: The Way I Cook*.



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## Challah Chestnut Stuffing

My husband's excellent stuffing.  
Even better for breakfast with  
leftover gravy.



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### Make Way for The Curly Hair Salon, Branford

The Curly Hair Salon by Luvena Leslie's second location has moved into the downtown Branford area earlier this year to better serve the Connecticut shoreline. What sets them apart from the numerous salons in their area is the exclusivity of



only catering to wavy, curly and coily textures. That means no heat from curling, flat irons, or blow dryers to straighten or curl your hair. Their goal is to help you fall in love with the hair you have. With 10 years of experience under Luvena's belt she knows her way around a curl no matter the texture. As the demand for curly hair stylists grows so has her team, to a total of 3 additional DevaCurl certified stylists and 3 others in training

or assisting. They strive to keep the salon's culture friendly, upbeat and fun to foster a positive curly community within the beauty industry.

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## From The E List Events Calendar

### **Circle of Strength Breast Cancer Support Group, 11/21**

Join local, fellow breast cancer survivors for a support group in Old Saybrook (or encourage a loved one to do so). [Read more...](#)

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### **I-Park OPEN Studios + Holiday Party, 11/24**

Peruse OPEN Studios of I-Park's 2019 Residency Season and enjoy an afternoon of art, music, writing, and of course, nature. [Read more...](#)

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### **E.F. Watermelon's Holiday Season Opening, 11/21**

Celebrate E.F. Watermelon's Holiday Season Opening and shop the latest collection of jewelry and "objets d'art." [Read more...](#)

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### **The Christmas Market at Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, 11/21 - 11/24**

Head to New Haven for a beloved holiday tradition of shopping on the Green. [Read more...](#)

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### **Holiday Celebrations in Downtown Mystic, 11/30**

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season in Mystic seeing Santa arrive by tugboat, viewing the Tree Lighting, and watching the Holiday Lighted Boat Parade. [Read more...](#)

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**Looking for more to do? Find happy hours, concerts, run runs, and more on The E List events calendar:**



**p.s. from Erica**



Join us for our **Girls' Night Out in Guilford on Thursday, December 12th from 5 – 9 pm!** Meet The E List team between 5 pm and 6:30 at The Marketplace at Guilford Food Center for wine and beer specials and free hors-d'oeuvres, and to pick up your E List sticker to qualify for discounts.

Then head out to the shops along The Green and take 20% off almost everything (some exclusions apply) at participating boutiques.

[See the List of Participating Shops](#)

In case you missed it: Here's your complete guide to Thanksgiving including takeout, turkeys, and restaurants. Plus a how-to for a grazing table! [Read it here.](#)

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