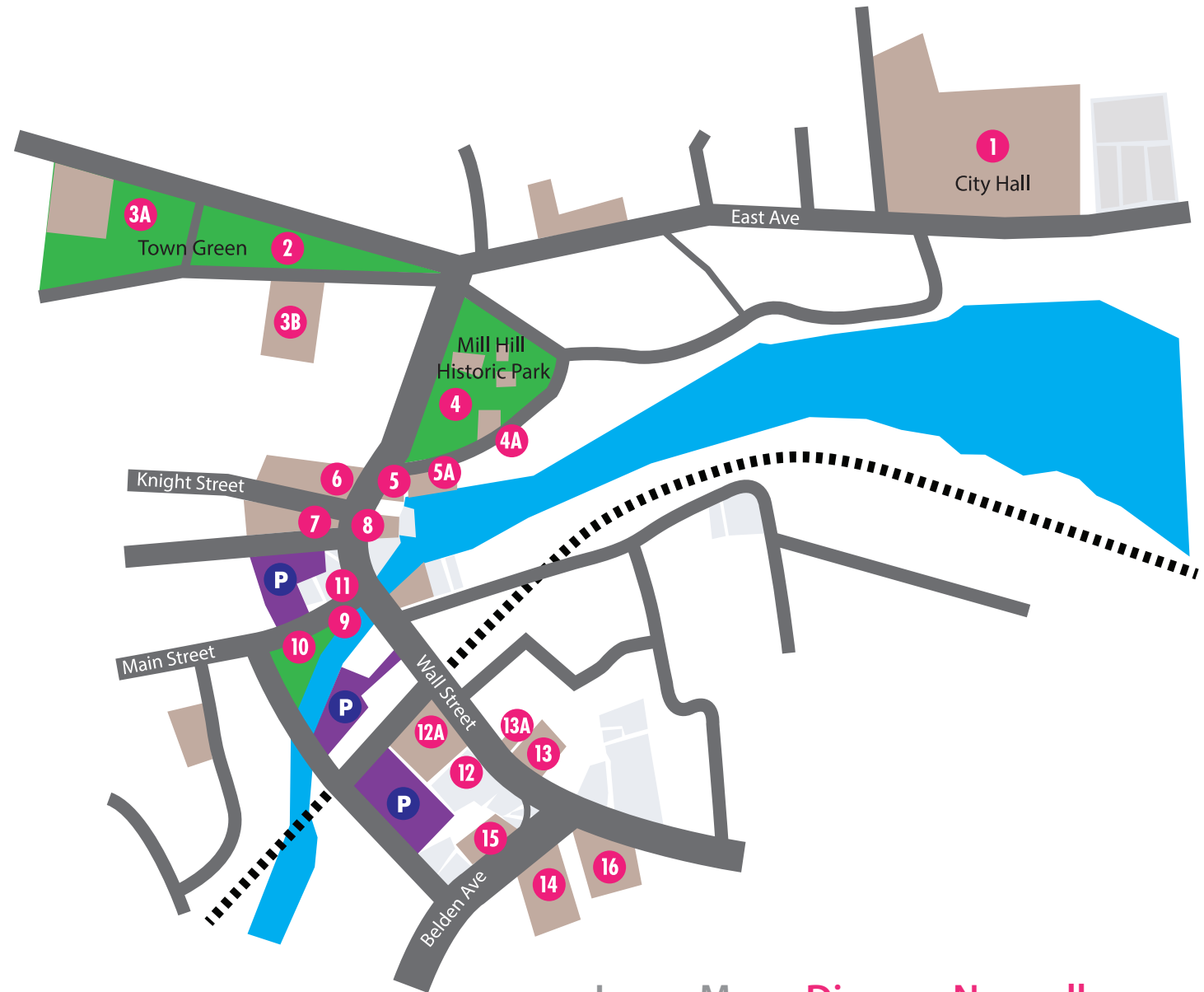


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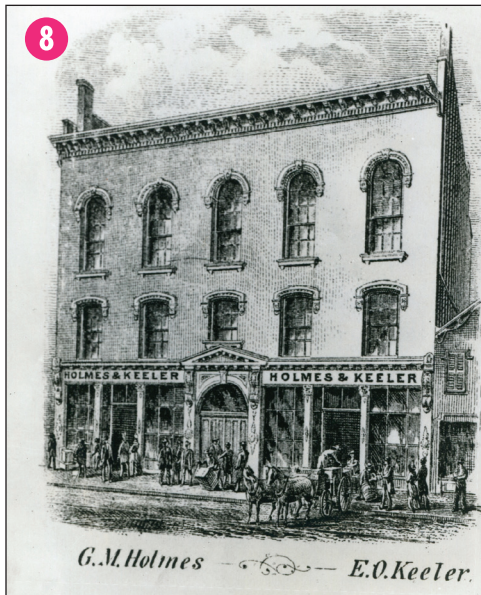


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7) Horse Car R.R. Stables, also called the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Co. and the Trolley Barn, 10 Wall Street, was built about 1866 as a one-story brick commercial building for the city's horse-drawn streetcars. The building was restored in the late 1980s as an office building and restaurant.



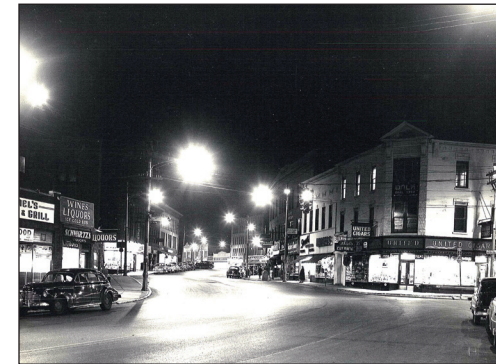
8) Lockwood Hall, 9 Wall Street, built in 1875 on the site of the E. Lockwood & Sons 18th century general store. Sloops brought wares to and from the West Indies to its docks and storage area. Stores and offices filled the lower levels.

The third floor was a public hall for political and entertainment. The commercial building later became the Twin Cities Building. Today The Fat Cat Pie Co. is the principal tenant.

8A) Commercial building, 19 Wall Street, 1920. The brick building, with white painted brick trimming on the facade, stands on the site of a former confectionery store, and was a sporting goods store at the time of the flood. It is the current home of the Wall Street Exchange.



8B) Rogers & Stevens Building, 27-29 Wall Street, was built in 1922 as a three-story combined masonry commercial building for a men's clothing store on first floor with apartments above.



10) Irving Freese Park at Wall and Main, is where seven buildings were lost to the 1955 Flood. The city center was wiped out, along with 40 homes and 15 factories. Hundreds of boats were destroyed. Three were killed. One estimate of the cost of the damage was \$8 million in 1955 dollars.



11) The Boston Store was located on the corner of Wall and Main. 13A Fairfield County Bank was built in 1922 at 67 Wall Street and renovated in 1990. A two story red brick commercial building. The bank itself is much older, having been founded in 1871.

11) Wall Street stores, gathering places especially in the 1970s, often brought up with fond memories: Green's was remembered for its soda fountain and as a meeting place, its wafer cookies, turtles; Woolworth's, for cheap essentials and the soda counter; Windsor Drug ; Genung's, predecessor to Howland's, for clothing; Tristan & Fuller, later Fullam's, its home products, clothing and its lunch counter; Sears, for , auto repairs, appliances and catalog purchases.

11A) Lynes Block/Former Opera House is at 33-39 Wall Street. Built around 1880, it served as the Town Hall in 1901, then a Police Station. A few more tenants included the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, a Police Court Room, Selectman's Office, the Town Court, a meat and fish store, a grocer, and an automobile showroom.

11B) 41-45 Wall Street was built in 1854. Fire-damaged in 2010 it is awaiting restoration.



11C) Norwalk Savings Society, 48 Wall Street, is a one-story masonry Classical Revival building constructed in 1923 and the home of the town's oldest savings society, organized in 1849. Today it is owned by Bank America.



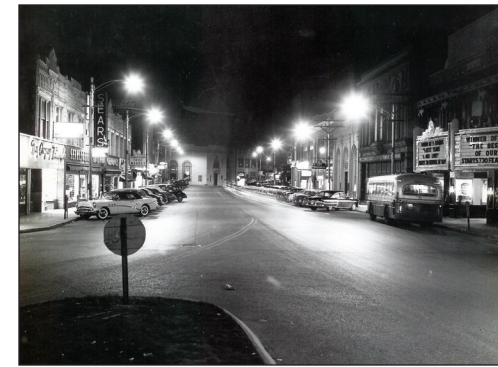
11D) Today, **Norwalk Luggage** offers a 1950s retro vibe, but this two-story building at 53 Wall Street was built in 1895.

The Norwalk & Danbury RR Depot, 47 Wall Street, built in 1860 for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, is below the Ink-Side-Out Tattoo. The stairway to the tracks is gone, and the platform may be, too. The stationmaster's vault remains in the wall on the main floor.

Railroad Tunnel, built in 1860, still shows its brick arched opening on the side opening onto Commerce Street and its rough cut stone lining. Its Wall Street station lies under a tattoo parlor at 47 Wall today. The Metro-North Danbury Line runs through the tunnel.

Fairfield County Savings Bank, 51 Wall Street, built in 1865 and renovated in 1970. The original pedimented facade with columns is no longer visible. The site also held the National Bank of Norwalk.

11E) The three-story red brick **commercial building** at 55 Wall Street was built in 1890. A druggist was there in 1914 and another pharmacist was a tenant in 1956. Later tenants included Minuteman Press, Norwalk Sewing Center and Profiles Magazines.



12A) The Bishop Building, 64 Wall Street, was built in 1935. The tenants over time included WNLK Radio station and the Norwalk Broadcasting Co., Inter-City Hardware, Mark Magazine, a boot shop, a corsetier, and an architect. Major tenants in the 1980s were Hanson Communications and Kiddytown, now My Three Sons.