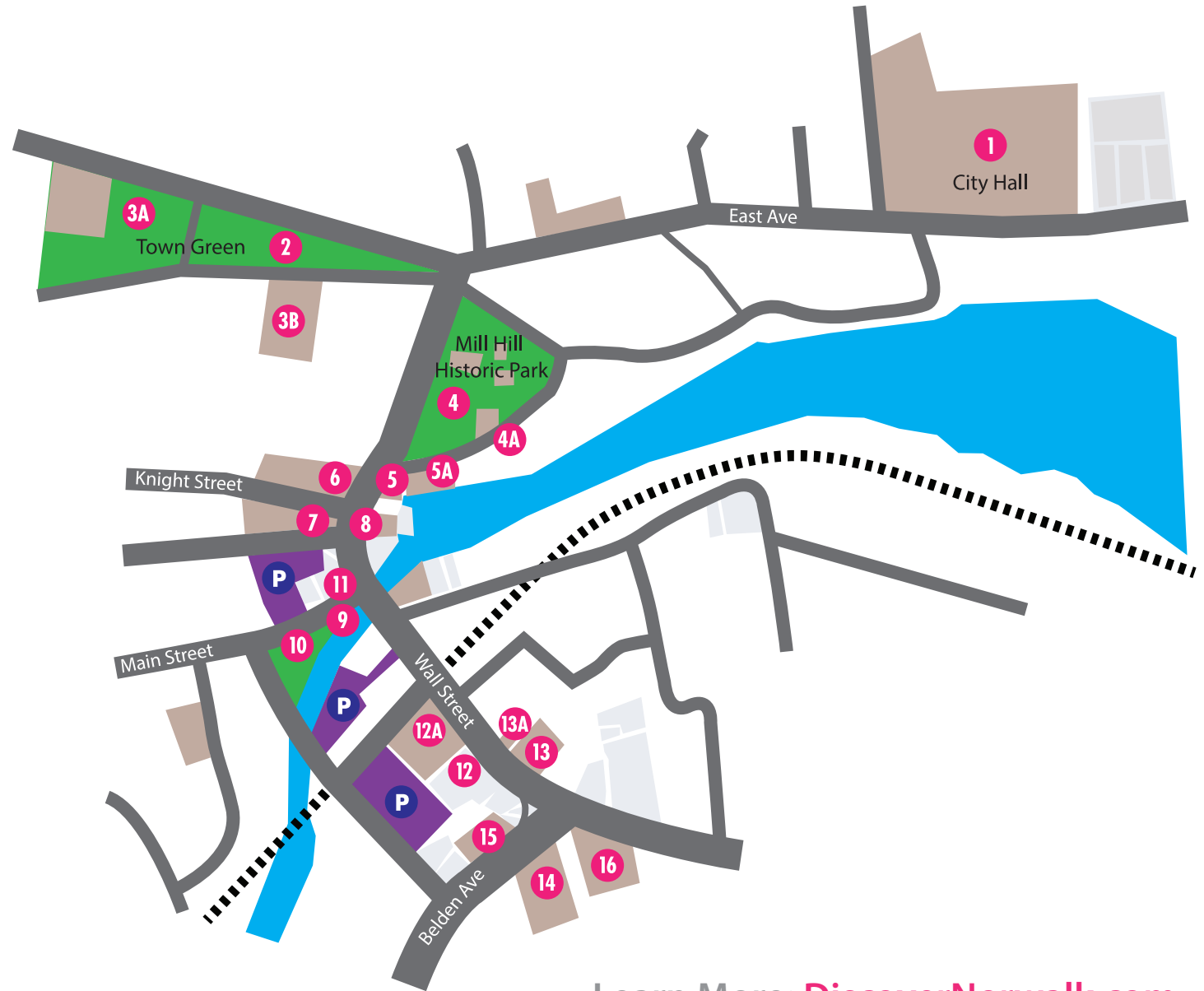


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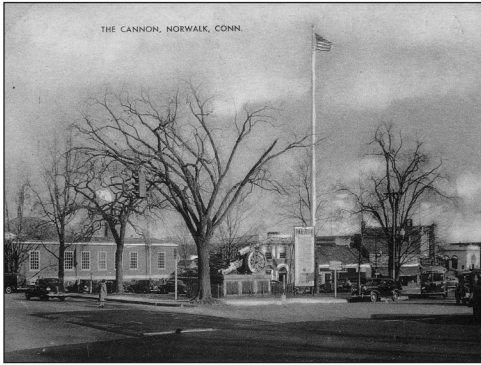
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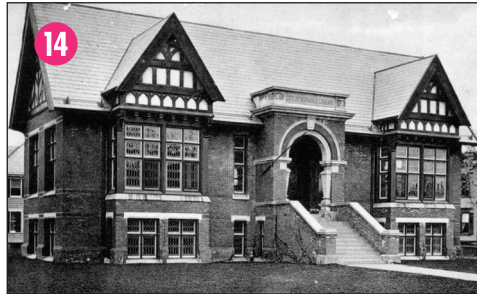
At the corner of Mott, Belden and Wall Streets the Norwalk United Methodist Church and the Norwalk Public Library command a nice view of Wall Street. The library was located at an important intersection of Norwalk where local government buildings like the Post Office and Courthouse stood defining the center of Norwalk.



13) The Globe at 71 Wall Street was built in 1914. It opened as a vaudeville theater called the Regent Theater. By 1939 movies became the entertainment and it was renamed the Norwalk Theater. Rock concerts brought new name changes as the Roxy and finally the Globe. Soon to be reopened as the Wall Street Theater, the building is being restored.



13A) The Norwalk Public Library was incorporated in 1878 as a small circulating library at 67 Wall Street (currently a branch of the Fairfield County Bank.) It became known as the Old City Norwalk Library in 1896 and rented space at Wall and Main Streets.



14) Today's library is at the corner of Mott and Wall Street. The Library received a grant of \$20,000 from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, and in 1903 the first part of the present structure was built. The original entrance was on Belden Avenue opposite from the Post Office. In 1978 plans began for an addition to the building with the entrance on Mott Avenue.



16) The Norwalk United Methodist Church, 724 West Avenue began on April 25, 1858 with a meeting in "Phoenix Hall" once located at the Norwalk River Bridge on Wall Street. Dr. Asa Hill, a local deacon and a practicing dentist, preached the sermon. At the end of the service, 96 persons gave their names as desiring to unite and build a new church building. Work began in 1859 and the church, looking basically as it looks today, was dedicated on December 6, 1860.