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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## Santa Claus joins Benoit Square Lighting



Santa Claus rolls into Benoit Square on an antique fire truck on Friday, 12/2, for the annual lighting of the square. The Big Guy stayed for photographs and gift requests for all the children who wanted to see him. The annual event is sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association and included gifts of candy canes and coloring books for children. See page 12. *Photo by Beth David.*



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## From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, we all need a little Christmas, yes? Well, do we have Christmas for you! In this issue and this weekend coming up, we have lots of Christmas all around this burg and in Acushnet, too. (Even across the river!)

Check out pages 3, 5, 8, and 9 for all kinds of fun holiday stuff going on.

This weekend, Fairhaven has its Old-Time Holiday event (page 3). It truly is a throwback to the old days (well, mostly...cars are still allowed on the road). Lots of people will be walking around the center of town, the shops will be selling all kinds of hand-made stuff.

Then on Saturday night, join in on an old-fashioned Christmas sing in front of town hall. No one cares if you can't sing well, just sing.

These events are lots of fun, take a lot of planning, and then last just a few hours. So be sure to set aside some time on Saturday to get your annual dose of Christmas cheer from your neighbors.

The happenings pages (5, 8, 9) also have some listings for events happening next weekend.

Remember, next week is our LAST WEEK of the year. We will not publish on 12/22 & 12/29 so I can get some Christmas shopping of my own done and get my wood stacked and all that other good stuff.

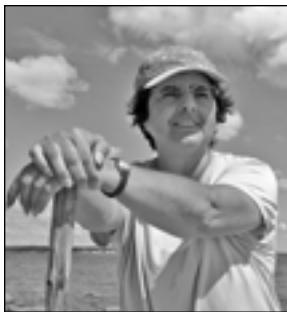
Lots of the aforementioned and upcoming events are fund-raisers for the food pantries, toy drives, and other holiday-related activities.

It's also that time of year when all the organizations hope to get a piece of the action. So, while you are in a giving mood, please keep the *Neighb News* in mind. We need reader support just as much as we need advertiser support.

Be sure to notice who our advertisers are, too, as you thumb through looking for news (we have some meeting coverage in here somewhere).

Be sure to tell them that you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our notice in last week's issue on next year's town election, we made a mistake on the date. It is April 3.

In our story about the Acushnet Lions toy and food drive at Rivers End, we mistakenly called it a Toys for Tots event. That is incorrect. The toys and food were donated to the Shepherd's Pantry for distribution.

We apologize for any confusion our errors caused.

## Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the

Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.

The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [www.shepherdspantry.org](http://www.shepherdspantry.org)



# Old-Time Holiday is this weekend in Fairhaven

By Beth David  
Editor

This weekend, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism sponsors one of its biggest events: The Old-Time Holiday, which features numerous activities around town, especially in the center (see page 7 for ad and last week's issue for detailed listings). All events are free admission (except the house tours on Sunday).

As you walk around on Saturday from venue to venue buying Christmas gifts or just soaking up the Holiday Spirit, the bells from the Unitarian Memorial Church will be ringing out Christmas Carols, people will be bustling about just like the songs...busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style...and the atmosphere will be festive and friendly. Santa Claus will even make an appearance or two.

This year, a couple of new events will help to entice people into Fairhaven's town center, with its magnificent old buildings donated by town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers (visit <http://fairhaventours.com/henry-h-rogers/>). It's worth the

visit just to see the buildings.

The Friends of the Millicent Library will hold a **Holiday Book Fair** featuring 20 local authors, who will be reading from their books and signing copies from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Library, 45 Center Street.

The annual **Town Hall Shops** features about 25 nonprofit groups selling hand-crafted items in the auditorium (2nd floor) of town hall.

In front of town hall, you'll find **food and hot drinks** by the Boy Scouts and other groups.

Just around the corner at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, you'll find the **Old Brick Church Fair and Luncheon**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring craft vendors, baked goods and their famous lobster roll lunch. You'd better get there early for the lobster, though, because they always run out.

Just a block west, join in on the **Craft Day at Art on Center**, 15 Center Street. This great event will keep the whole family engaged with art projects, hot chocolate, and art.

Just two blocks east you'll find stress-free shopping and sanctuary

tours of the spectacular **Unitarian church's Holiday Marketplace**, at 102 Green Street. St. Nicholas will be there among the crafters' booths, baked goods and holiday greens. Next door, you can get soup and sandwich lunches.

One more block

up and you can enjoy **cookies and Santa at Our Lady's Haven**, 71 Center Street. Now a long term care facility, the building was built as an inn by HHR. You'll be treated to sweets and hot drinks and bring immeasurable cheer to the residents there.

After your shopping is done and you've had a chance to go home for a bit, you'll be thinking that you need to spread a little bit of that Christmas cheer you picked up. So head right back to **Town Hall for the Sing-Along** at 6 p.m. Santa Claus will make a brief appearance and the Fairhaven Improvement Association will have plenty of free hot chocolate and snacks on hand.

On Sunday, join the Fairhaven Historical Society, starting at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, for a **holiday tour of historical houses** in Fairhaven, including the grandiose Masonic Lodge at 20 Center Street (see ad on page 17). Call Ricky Goytizolo, 508-991-5675, for tickets (\$25 day of, \$20 in advance).

And, to close out your weekend of Christmas Cheer, join the Unitarian Memorial Church for a **Service of Lessons and Carols** at 4:30 p.m., featuring seasonal readings and music by Dwight Thomas and the choir of the UMC.

All venues are accessible except the Academy Building and the individual houses on the house tour. For more information on Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085, or email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com)



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# Selectboard recognizes rescuers; tax rate drops a tad

By Beth David  
**Editor**

The Fairhaven Selectboard recognized first responders who saved the crew of the Captain Jeff, a scalloper that took on water and sank on Sunday, 11/20. Six crew members, five men and one woman, needed to be taken off the boat in rough seas.

TowBoat US New Bedford, with Captain Clint Allen at the helm, and Assistant Harbormaster/Firefighter Todd Cox helped the fishing boat crew get off the scalloper and onto the TowBoat vessel.

A Coast Guard rescue swimmer deployed from a helicopter with dewatering equipment, but it was not working. He assisted in getting the crew members off the sinking vessel.

TowBoat US and the Fairhaven Harbormaster are part of the Buzzards Bay Task Force, along with New Bedford, which also assisted in



L-R: Fairhaven Assistant Harbormaster and Firefighter Todd Cox, and TowBoat US New Bedford owner and Captain Clint Allen pose with the proclamation they each received with other members of the Buzzards Bay Task Force for rescuing the crew of the Captain Jeff on 11/20. Photo by Beth David.

the rescue. Tucker Roy Marine Salvage towed the sinking boat to New Bedford Harbor.

At Monday's meeting, 12/5, the Fairhaven Selectboard presented a proclamation to all those involved in the rescue, including Mr. Allen, Mr. Cox, Tim Cox, Firefighters and New Bedford officials involved in the rescue.

"Despite cold sea spray, high winds and high seas, they were able to get the crew of the Captain Jeff to safety and salvage the vessel, bringing it to Fairhaven Shipyard for repairs," reads the proclamation that Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy read at the meeting. "...The Fairhaven board of Selectmen would like to extend their gratitude to everyone involved in this bold and difficult rescue."

Harbormaster Tim Cox, Todd's father, could not, of course, pass up the opportunity to tell a story or two.

He got a few chuckles as he noted that Lt. Brian Messier of the Fairhaven Fire Department (FFD) kept on the radio warning of each large wave as it approached. Lt. Messier got teased about it, said Mr. Cox, but the warnings were appreciated.

"It was a real nasty day," said Mr. Cox. "Usually, we don't get to go out on good days... just the crummy days."

FFD chief Tim Francis said the whole incident showed that "training does pay off."

He also noted that other task force members, especially New Bedford Firefighters "had our backs."

"It's unbelievable how good we work together," said Chief Francis.

Mr. Cox also said he appreciated that people offered them food. They had been out there for hours with only a cup of coffee and a pack of gum.

When he got serious, Mr. Cox told the public that his son Todd, and Clint Allen were the two who had the toughest tasks. Capt. Allen had to maneuver his boat close enough to the sinking vessel for crew members to jump, while the younger Mr. Cox hung over side of the boat to help them.

In another matter, the board met with the Board of Assessors to set the tax rate for FY17. BOA Chairperson Ron Manzone told the Selectboard that the BOA recommended a small decrease in the tax rate due to the increase in values throughout town.

The FY17 tax rate will be \$12.04 per \$1,000 (FY16 was \$12.18.). The Commercial rate is \$24.27 (FY16 was \$24.45).

The average single family home value in Fairhaven is now \$264,074. At \$12.04 per \$1,000, the average residential tax bill will be \$3,179.45. In FY16 the average home was valued at \$254,645 and the average tax bill was \$3,101.58.

The Selectboard also voted to keep the current tax structure, which includes a shift between commercial and residential properties of 1.75, meaning that commercial properties are taxed higher than residential; and did not adopt a residential or commercial tax exemption. All three components are no change from last year.

The assessors reported that Open Space property has increased an average of 3.6% and commercial property has increased an average of 4.5%.

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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### Old-Time Holiday

Sat. & Sun., 12/ 10 & 11. See page 3 for details and ad on page 7.

### FHS Open House

Fairhaven High School will be holding our Open House on **Thurs., 12/8, from 6:30-8 p.m.** All 7th and 8th grade students interested in attending Fairhaven High School and their parents are welcome to attend. We will be sharing information about the high school and the curriculum.

Students and their families will be able to meet the Principal and the staff, take a tour of the historic building and learn about clubs and activities.

Please feel free to contact the Guidance Office with any questions at 508-979-4120.

### DEADLINE LOOMS!

#### West Island Toys for Tots

Once again, Cathi & Bob Konicki will dedicate their Toys for Tots toy drive to Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez, the Fairhaven Marine who was killed in Afghanistan on 12/11/13.

Please bring a toy for a child to our home, 151 Balsam St., Fairhaven, **BEFORE DECEMBER 10.**

Last year we collected over 250 toys. Let's try to beat that number.

Toys for Tots is a national program sponsored by the US Marines that provides toys to kids who might not otherwise get any presents for Christmas. Your generous donation of a new toy or money to purchase a new toy will be greatly appreciated.

### A Christmas Carol By One Theater Group

ONE Theater Group, Inc. is proud to announce its upcoming production of *A Christmas Carol*, on Thurs., Fri., & Sat., 12/15-17, at 7 p.m.; and on Sun., 12/18, at 2 p.m. Performances are held in the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.

ONE Theater Group, Inc.'s production of *A Christmas Carol* is a truly magical yet faithful rendition of the Dickens classic. As with all of ONE Theater Group's productions, patrons can expect bright colors, over the top décor, beautiful scenery, and a top

notch cast. *A Christmas Carol* is family friendly, and a show that all ages can enjoy!

**Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.** Seating is general admission. Purchase tickets online at [www.onetheatergroup.com](http://www.onetheatergroup.com) or anytime during normal business hours at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Tickets may also be reserved in advance by emailing [onetheatergroup@gmail.com](mailto:onetheatergroup@gmail.com) or by calling 508-525-9972. If seating is still available, tickets will be sold at the door. Doors open 30 min. before each show.

Proceeds benefit Family Reach, an organization that helps families with a child battling cancer.

Founded in September 2014, ONE Theater Group, Inc.'s mission is to combine the performing arts with philanthropy. Visit [www.onetheatergroup.com](http://www.onetheatergroup.com)

day for collection is Dec. 15.

### Nutcracker Prog.

The Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, presents *Backstage at the Nutcracker* with our favorite teacher, Kay Hanley Alden, a local dance teacher and choreographer, on **Wed., 12/14, at 10 a.m. in the downstairs auditorium.**

On this journey, the children will visit faraway places and do movement exploration with the music of the Nutcracker, acting and dancing the parts of the Sugar Plum Fairies, Waltz of the Flowers and the guests from lands faraway: China, Arabia, Spain and Russia. Dance props bring this program to life. Kay Alden remains active on the Alumni Board of the Boston Conservatory and is beloved by children.

The program is **open to 3-6 year olds with siblings welcome**, and is limited to 20 participants. Please sign up with Ms. Jane.

### Christmas Trees

Troop and Pack 55 are holding their annual Christmas tree and wreath sale at Mike and Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave. (Rt.e 6) Fairhaven.

We have 200 Balsam and Frasier Fir Trees and 30 wreathes for Sale. Come early and pick your tree. The height of the trees range from 5-8 Ft, **prices from \$35-70** depending on the height and fullness.

Hours of operation are M-F from 5-8 p.m. and Sat. & Sun. from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Scouts and parent volunteers, do most of the selling. Employees of Mike & Wayne's are gracious enough to collect money for the Scouts during the early hours on weekdays when the scouts are not there. All Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Pack & Troop 55, Boy Scouts of America.

### National Cat Show

Cat Fanciers' Federation National Cat Show, **Sat. & Sun., 12/10 & 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, Seaport Inn & Marina, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven. See judging of household pet cats and many different breeds, meet adoptable cats. Raffle table and cool goodies for cats and their people. **\$5/adults, \$3/kids & seniors; veterans and kids under 6, free.** Show info: [cffinc.org](http://cffinc.org), or call Debbie, 508-264-6420.

# Southern Mass Credit Union displays art by seniors

## Press Release

For the eighth consecutive year, Southern Mass Credit Union (SMCU) showcased art work in the credit union's main office located at 123 Alden Road in Fairhaven, MA. The event was coordinated by Sharon Jensen, Alden Court and Rehab Center Activities Director and Bernice Ellis, Alden Court volunteer. The paintings were created by the senior residents of Alden Court located in Fairhaven and displayed at the credit union.

The class is taught by Christine Cummings, Art Teacher, with the assistance of Bernice Ellis, Alden Court volunteer. Christine has taught art at the center for twenty five years. The seniors look forward to the classes which meet twice a week and range from 6-10 students per session.

Painting is great therapy, both mentally and physically for the seniors. Each senior chooses his/her own design based upon a common theme such as patriotic, nature, nautical etc. and completes the work over several weeks.

To support the art class Southern

Mass Credit Union presented a check to Bernice Ellis in the amount of \$250.00 for the Alden Court Nursing Care and Rehab Center's Activities Fund. As a special thank you for the seniors, SMCU provided lunch for the senior artists at the credit union.

"Southern Mass would like to thank the residents of Alden Court who displayed their artwork in our lobby," stated Waltz. "We are pleased to help support their Activities Fund and would like to thank Christine, Sharon and Bernice for their commitment to the seniors in creating such beautiful art work."

Southern

Mass Credit Union is a full service community credit union headquartered in Fairhaven with branch offices located in New Bedford and Fall River. For additional information on credit union membership, services or products, contact Southern Mass Credit Union at 508-994-9971 or visit [southernmass.com](http://southernmass.com).



Alden Court and Rehab Center senior artists proudly display their artwork at Southern Mass Credit Union. *Submitted photo.*

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**Tom & Betty** Thurs., 12/15, 5:00 p.m. Put on your dancing shoes and head on down to the Community Room to enjoy a performance by Tom and Betty.

**Candida Rose** Mon., 12/19, 2:00 p.m. We are always excited when our friend Candida Rose performs for us. She sure does get us dancing in our seats. Join us for this hour of music and fun.

**The Keynotes** Wed., 12/21, 2:30 p.m. The Keynotes return to Atria Fairhaven. Gather with us for a fun afternoon and sing along to your favorite tunes.



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# FAIRHAVEN OLD-TIME HOLIDAY

## December 10 & 11



## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th

### Millicent's Holiday Book Fair

*Local authors signing and selling their books*

Millicent Library auditorium, 45 Center St. (use Walnut St. entrance), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Town Hall Shops

*Booths by non-profit groups, face painting, kids crafts*  
Town Hall, 40 Center St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Brick Church Fair

*Craft booths, baked goods, thrift shop & more*  
Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Holiday Marketplace

*Craft booths, holiday greens & more*  
Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Cookies & Santa at Our Lady's Haven

*Cookies, coffee, & hot chocolate.  
Visit with Santa. Holiday items for sale.*  
Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Unitarian Church Tours

Unitarian Church, 102 Green St. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Family Craft Day & Art Sale

*Design and make holiday ornaments*  
Art on Center, 15 Center St., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Holiday Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Harrop Center, Center St., 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Lobster Roll Luncheon

Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 11 a.m. - ?

### Town Hall Sing-along

Town Hall, 40 Center St., 6:00 p.m.  
*Sponsored by Fairhaven Improvement Association.*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

### Historical Society Holiday House Tour

*Historical homes and buildings open to tour*  
Academy Building, 141 Main St., 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Service of Lessons and Carols

*Music and readings to celebrate the holiday*  
Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., 4:30 p.m.

The Old-Time Holiday is sponsored by Fairhaven non-profit and church groups and is coordinated and promoted by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Complete program listings are available from <http://Fairhaventours.com>. For more information, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, telephone 508-979-4085, email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com). The Visitors Center will not be open on Saturday, December 10, during the Old-Time Holiday.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Park lights on

The Christmas lights in New Bedford's Clasky Common Park will be lit every night until January. The dazzling display is sure to delight children of all ages.

## House Tour

Capture the holiday spirit on the New Bedford Preservation Society's 25th Annual Holiday House Tour **Dec. 10 (4-8 p.m.) and 11 (1-5 p.m.)**. Starting point for both tours will be the Wamsutta Club, 427 County St., where a pre-tour brunch will be served on Sunday and where the Holiday Raffle and Silent Auction will be held during tour hours. Brunch reservations (\$20 including tax and tip) are suggested but not required. Call the Wamsutta Club directly at 508-997-7431 for brunch reservations.

Open again for this special 25th anniversary tour will be the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum along with several of the most popular private residences.

Tickets: \$25 at the door. Advance tickets (\$22) can be purchased online (through Dec. 9 only) or at ticket sites in Greater New Bedford

Call 508-997-6425 or visit [http://nbpreservationsociety.org/house\\_tours.html](http://nbpreservationsociety.org/house_tours.html)

## Special Fund-raiser

During this time of Advent we see the hustle and bustle around us as we prepare to celebrate the season of Christmas. We see joy in children's faces and happiness reflecting in the decorations around us.

However, inevitably during this time, sadness seems to also make its face shown.

Some of you may have heard the recent news about three men lost at sea. Sadly, this loss has impacted one of our Holy Family-Holy Name families. We are reaching out to all of you to first, pray for this family.

In addition, if you feel you are able to share a bit of Christmas spirit, we are collecting gift cards for the family. General stores like Target, Walmart, KMart, Stop & Shop, etc.

A memorial Fund has been established at New Bedford Credit Union. Contributions can be forwarded to HFHN or directly to NBCU to the: "Carlos Amaral

Memorial Fund".

This fund will help the family with immediate financial needs.

The older siblings have on their Christmas list: Dick's Sporting Goods, Game Stop, Hollister, Victoria Secret Our little one enjoys arts and crafts and educational toys items. If you are able to help, please send the cards and/or items to the office labelled "Amaral Family." Kindly send whatever you can by **Wed., 12/21**.

Please keep this family in your daily prayers!

## Book Launch

On Dec. 9, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Jonnhy Cake Hill, will release the long-awaited publication, *Around the World in Search of Whales: A Journey of the Lucy Ann Voyage*. The hard-bound, non-fiction book is a recounting of a 31-month whaling voyage aboard the whaleship Lucy Ann (1841-1844). The book presents, in its entirety, the personal account and illustrations of whaleman-artist John F. Martin, edited by Kenneth R. Martin.

A book launch will be held on **Dec. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Whaling Museum**. Free and open to the public. The book can be purchased at the White Whale, the Museum's gift store, or online at [www.store.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.store.whalingmuseum.org), or call 508-997-0046.

John F. Martin was at sea during the cultural heyday of American whaling. Though thousands of logbooks, diaries, and journals have survived the days of Yankee whaling, none have matched Martin's combination of droll narrative and evocative watercolors.

His journal is considered a masterpiece of its genre. Thirty-one months of daily entries are vibrantly and sometimes comically detailed by the seasoned, savvy observer with a humorous take on the whaling trade. It is richly illustrated with elegant, vivid watercolors large and small: whales, whaling encounters, ships and boats, sea creatures, distant landfalls, and exotic strangers.

The detailed account of life aboard Lucy Ann includes dangerous encounters, shipboard shenanigans, faraway ports, good times, bad food, close scrapes, and dashed hopes, described in a rollicking comic style worthy of a professional author. His

observations and illustrations are second to none in their historical, anthropological, and biological value.

## Concert Fund-raiser

Infinity Productions is hosting the "Not Your Average Christmas Concert" on Sun., 12/18 from 4-8 p.m. at The Wamsutta Club, 427 County St. New Bedford. Tickets: \$25. Call 508-509-2670

Enjoy more than 25 musicians who are all donating their time and talents to benefit The Southcoast Center for Cancer Care in Fairhaven.

Musicians include Jordan Paiva, Dori Rubicco, Eddie Dillon, The Harper & The Minstrel, Matt Borello, Grace Morrison, Johann Gundersen, Joanne Doherty, Seamus Galligan, Shanaganans, The Zukes!, Tom Allen. Surprise guests, raffles, good cheer!

## SAVE THE DATE

### Toy/Food Drive Bike Run

Join the Fairhaven Chapter of the Iron Order Motorcycle Club, 30 Coffin Ave., New Bedford, on Sun., 12/18, starting at 9 a.m. for a toy and food drive motorcycle run. Registration fee: An unwrapped toy and a can of food (no stuffed animals, please). Kickstands up at noon, and will head to the Salvation Army in downtown New Bedford. Toys will be donated to the Neediest Families Fund. All are welcome to join in the fun, even if you're not riding. Visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/IOMCSilenceFew/?fref=ts>

## Free Parking

In an effort to encourage everyone to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, Mayor Jon Mitchell has announced that New Bedford will again offer a special Holiday Parking Program. From Thanksgiving Day, 11/24, through 1/1, the City of New Bedford will offer FREE parking at your first metered space for up to two hours in both the Downtown and on Acushnet Avenue, or up to two hours FREE parking at the Elm Street Garage, and the Zeiterion Garage!

Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program should be directed to the Traffic Commission Office at (508) 961-3153.

## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Flame of Peace

Since 1986 a child, typically from Upper Austria (the birth place of Silent Night), has traveled to Bethlehem to light a lantern from a flame burning at the Star of Nativity Church in the cave that marks the place of birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

The child then flies with the flame in a special lantern to Vienna and during a holy Mass the flame is shared with children delegates throughout Austria and Europe who then transport the flame across Europe. Canadian Scouts brought this tradition to North America in 2001.

Last year Scouts from Troop 333 in East Freetown obtained the flame of the Peace Light in New Hampshire and distributed it locally but in 2016 they traveled to JFK Airport in New York immediately after Thanksgiving to receive their own flame upon its arrival from Austria.

**The flame will be distributed at the conclusion of the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. John Neumann ,157 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown, on Sat., 12/10.** Individuals, churches or organizations who wish to obtain the light that day should bring a small kerosene lantern which may be safely transported. Small candles will also be available which, even after being extinguished, are said to now be "suffused" with the Peace Light and may later be relighted at home.

Organizations and churches who wish to obtain their own Peace Light prior to December 10 should contact Michael McCormack, Chairman of the Fall River Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting at Michael@FallRiverScouting.org or 508-998-1218.

### End Mass

### Incarceration

Jobs NOT Jails needs your help to end racial disparities in our justice system and to get people back to work. Join us on Tues., 12/13, from 10-11 a.m. at Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, 140 Bowdoin St. Boston. Bus leaves New Bedford at 8 a.m., returns at approx. 1 p.m.

Join us to hear our agenda and take action to: End mandatory minimum sentences; End unfair and too high probation fees; Stop making felons of people arrested for low level offenses; Address other injustices in

the criminal justice system

Welcome home one of our own! Too many of our brothers and sisters, especially people of color, are unjustly locked up and shut out of our economy. Join us for a welcoming ceremony for a returning citizen, a formerly incarcerated member of our community.

Contact Marlene Pollock, Coalition for Social Justice, 508-982-8751, or marlenepollock929@gmail.com.

### Crafts Fair

Holiday Crafts Fair for a Cause. 50+ Local Vendors, something for everyone. Holiday Items, Unique Gifts, Wood, Glass, Textiles, Jewelry, Candles, Bake Sale, Chinese Auction, Free Admission, Free Door Prize Entries, Free Face Painting and so much more. Our Sisters School students are selling student made items and offering free face painting, Girls Scouts are selling cookies. Sun., 12/11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at GiftsToGive 1 Titleist Dr., Acushnet.

### BBC Fundraiser

The Vault Gallery of Fine Arts located at 169 Rockdale Avenue South Dartmouth Ma 02748 is holding a fund-raiser: "Deck Your Walls." **FREE admission, Sat., 12/10, from 6-9 p.m. Buzzards Bay Brewing will have a cash bar with proceeds donated to Buzzards Bay Coalition.**

Hors d'oeuvres catered by Elaine, live entertainment and a presentation by Sculptor John Evans. All are welcome to enjoy the festivities. For more information, call 508-991-1761

### Wine & Jelly Tasting

The Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP) is pleased to announce their final workshop of the season! Take some time off from the holiday hustle and bustle for a fun night out! Join SEMAP and Plymouth Bay Winery as we talk about the wine making process and sample some delicious local wines and wine jellies. All attendees will take home a souvenir wine glass and have the opportunity to purchase these yummy wines, jellies, and sauces. A great way to have a fun night out and get some of your holiday shopping done!

**Wed., 12/14, from 6-8 p.m., at Plymouth Bay Winery, 114 Water St,**

Plymouth, MA; \$15 SEMAP Members, \$20 General Public. Register at semaponline.org/pbwintasting

### Holiday Greens

The Greater New Bedford Garden Club will hold a **Holiday Greens Sale on Sat., 12/10, from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59½ So. Main Street, Acushnet.** Boxwood Trees, wreaths, centerpieces and ribbons will be offered. A formal Tea (limited to 80 persons) will be served at 2:00 p.m. For additional information on the Tea telephone 508 995-5180.

### Free Concert

**Join us for a free concert and cookies!** The Community Outreach Committee of the Acushnet Wesley Methodist Church is joyfully hosting the beautiful and talented youngsters of the famous children's vocal group "Voices in Time," on Sun., 12/17, at 6:30 p.m. at Acushnet Wesley, 67 Main St., Acushnet. Accessible. We just know children will have a blast and love to attend this wonderful holiday treat that will also feature special (and we mean SPECIAL) hot chocolate and delicious cookies. For all ages.

Free will offering will benefit the Outreach Committee which visits shutins and provides material support to those in need.

For more information, call the church at 508-005-7197, or Bob at 508-863-0416.

### Crisis for Christians

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park St, Attleboro, features **Light In the Darkness: Hope and Healing for Christians in the Middle East, on Sat., 12/10, from 9 a.m. to noon.** Free Will Offering

Deacon Greg Kandra and Mr Christopher Kennedy of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) will speak about the crisis Christians and particularly Catholics face in the war torn countries of Syria and Iraq. They will also speak about where the people find hope and their desire for healing.

The Shrine, established in 1953, is dedicated to the Our Lady of La Salette's message of reconciliation between peoples and with God.

# Recipe of the Week

## Sweet & Sour Meatballs

1 pound ground beef  
1 egg  
1/4 cup dry bread crumbs  
1 onion, diced  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 cups water  
1/4 cup distilled white vinegar  
3 tablespoons soy sauce

In a medium bowl, combine the ground beef, egg, bread crumbs and onion. Mix thoroughly and shape into golf-ball-sized balls.

In a large skillet over medium heat, gently brown the meatballs and set aside.

In a large saucepan, combine the brown sugar, flour, water, white vinegar and soy sauce. Mix thoroughly. Add meatballs and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring often, for 30 minutes.

From AllRecipes.com

## To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# Dr. Baldwin is finalist in Duxbury

By Beth David

Editor

Fairhaven superintendent of schools, Robert Baldwin, has been chosen as a finalist for the job of Superintendent of Schools in Duxbury, Mass.

Dr. Baldwin notified faculty and staff in an email on December 1. According to the email, Dr. Baldwin was contacted by a search firm, recruiting him for the position.

"After a great deal of consideration, I chose to pursue this opportunity," wrote Dr. Baldwin. "Last night, I was notified that I was a

finalist for the position. As a result, I wanted to personally inform you. A faculty and staff that I deeply care for deserves to hear this first hand as opposed to receiving this information from an outside source."

The Duxbury School Committee was planning to make a final decision on Wednesday, 12/7.

Dr. Baldwin declined to comment for this story.

The other finalists are Dr. Laurie Hunter, Assistant Superintendent of Duxbury; and Dr. John Antonucci, Superintendent of Schools in Westwood, Mass.

## Fairhaven Police cracking down on impaired driving for holidays

From press release materials

The Fairhaven Police Department has received a \$7,500 grant for the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign during the holidays. The FPD will increase the number of impaired driving patrols through the special grant from the Highway Safety Division of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

More than 200 local police departments and the State Police are participating in the national campaign.

Increased patrols will begin on December 9 and will continue into January.

"Drivers who will be celebrating this holiday season should plan for a sober ride home before the go out," said Jeff Larson, Director of the Highway Safety Division, in a statement. "We want all drivers to remember the responsibility they have to drive safely and to avoid getting behind the wheel if they're impaired. Crashes caused by an

impaired driver are preventable."

Nationally, alcohol was factor in 29% of motor vehicle fatalities last year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Officials offer these tips for motorists:

- Plan for a sober ride home before celebrating this holiday season. Use a ride sharing or taxi services, public transportation, or a designated driver if you will be consuming alcohol and then travelling.
- If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys, take them home, or help them arrange for a safe way home.
- Stay in control by wearing your seat belt on every trip. Seat belts keep drivers behind the wheel in a crash.
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# Santa Claus joins Benoit Square lighting

By Beth David  
**Editor**

Santa Claus helped kick off the holiday season with a grand entrance on an antique fire truck into North Fairhaven on Friday, 12/2, for the lighting of Benoit Square. Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, the free annual event included singing in the square by the public, led by Mrs. Claus herself, and photos with Santa in the NFIA building across the street from the gazebo. Children also received candy canes and coloring books, and had a chance to make their requests in Santa's ear.

The Big Guy is expected to appear in Fairhaven this coming weekend for the Sing-Along at Town Hall (see page 3), and for a variety of other events in the area.

Children are warned to be good, as it is well known throughout the world that Santa Claus knows if they've been bad or good, and is very good at finding out if they've been naughty or nice.

The lights in the square are on every evening until January.



The gazebo at Benoit Square in Fairhaven will be lit up every night until the January. Photo by Beth David.



The North Fairhaven Improvement Association sponsored the annual lighting of Benoit Square on Friday, 12/2. ABOVE LEFT: Jordan Lopes greets Santa with a big wave, along with other children at Benoit Square. ABOVE MIDDLE: Jordan Lopes gets some one-to-one time with the Big Guy. ABOVE RIGHT: Two boys follow along singing Christmas Carols. BELOW LEFT: Jinevah (left) is not so sure about getting into the lap of the big man in red, while Avah (right) knows just what to do, and their grandmother, Paula, gets a good laugh out of it all. BELOW RIGHT: Mrs. Claus leads the children singing Christmas Carols. Photos by Beth David.



# Acushnet lights up the Fire Station grounds, Santa visits

By Beth David  
**Editor**

The town of Acushnet paid tribute to one of their own when it lit up the fire station grounds on Russell Street, Sunday, 12/4.

Logan Varieur made the countdown on the microphone in memory of his little sister, Victoria "Tori" Lynn Varieur, age 3, AKA "Princes Tori," who was killed in a tragic accident when her father's car rolled down the driveway last month. It was the first time in the 30+ year tradition that the lighting was dedicated to anyone.

Logan clearly enjoyed himself as he shouted out the numbers.

The Ford Middle School choir led

the crowd in song until Santa Claus arrived, courtesy of the Acushnet Fire Department. The Big Guy stayed long enough to take pictures with all who wanted to, clearly delighting some, and sending other youngsters into a veritable tither.

The completely free event included cookies and hot chocolate for all, courtesy of the Acushnet Call Firefighters Association. The department is also collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program until 12/20. The lights will be on nightly until January.



TOP: One little guy is clearly taken with the Big Guy. ABOVE LEFT: Logan Varieur counts down to one for the lights to get turned on at the annual lighting of the grounds of the Acushnet Fire Station on Sunday, 12/4. ABOVE RIGHT: Makenzie (almost 2) will have no part of the crazy guy in the red suit, a sentiment shared by Mason (BELOW LEFT). BELOW MIDDLE: Faith clearly understands how this works as she has a private word with Santa. BELOW RIGHT: This little guy is obviously not too fond of the singing. Photos by Beth David.



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## Kool Kids

### Christmas Vacation

This four-day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodge ball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 2 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Dates: Dec 27th-30th

Time: Drop off 8am, pick up by 3PM Cost: \$100. Member \$125.. Non Member

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**12/14: Emerald Square Mall and Trader Joe's  
12/21: Hyannis Mall, Xmas Tree Shop 12/18: South Shore Plaza**

## Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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## Special Activities

### Meet The Professional

Sandra Cambra, PhD, LICSW, Wednesday, December, 14th at 10:30 a.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center. Sandra will be discussing Health Care Proxies and other advanced directives. Also to be discussed are Community Services and Resources. This is sponsored by Community Nurse Home Care and Fairhaven Council On Aging.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Senior Center will be open half a day December 23rd and December 30th, Lunch will be served. The Center will be closed on December 26th and January 2nd. If you need to go shopping or banking, make sure you call a head on Christmas week and New Year's week.

### South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

Wednesday, December 14th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. A representative will be at the Senior Center to answer your questions concerning: Social Security Benefits (SSI and /or Social Security applications, denials, terminations, or overpayments) Subsidized housing matters, Public Benefits Cases, Physical and Financial abuse, Nursing Home related problems, This is by appointment only.

Please call 508-979-4029. This is funded in part by Coastline Elderly Services to provide free legal assistance to seniors age 60 and over.

### PACE Assistance & Recertification Form/Fuel

The fuel assistance program starts in November for the 2016-2017 season. If you received fuel assistance last year you should have already received a renewal in the mail to be filled out. If you need help filling out the recertification form or a new application for fuel assistance, call the Senior Center 508-979-4029 for an

### Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Dec. 5, from 1-3:00 p.m. and 12/1 and 12/8 from 5:45-7:45 p.m.. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

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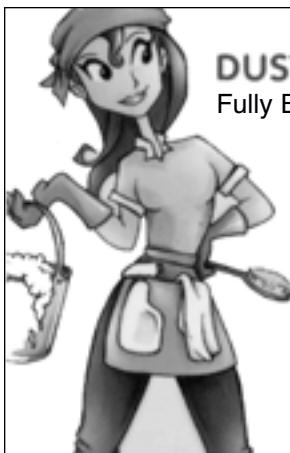
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# Acushnet Selectboard supports staffing plan for PD

By Beth David  
**Editor**

The Acushnet Selectboard heard from police Chief Michael Alves about plans to get full time staffing levels back up to 100%. The department has been using part time police officers and using overtime to cover shifts, the chief told the board at its meeting on Monday, 12/5.

Chief Alves said that overtime costs had gone down in FYI6 and he expected they would go down again in FY17.

Meanwhile, he has two officers in the academy, but by the time they graduate one officer will retire. A third officer, who is currently part time, has already finished the academy and will take the place of a retiring officer.

The upshot is, after all the shuffling around, that Acushnet will still have to hire one new person who will have to go to the Academy.

He said they will call for the civil service list in the spring, do background checks in the fall, and hopefully send someone to the

following academy.

The department will submit a detailed budget after getting some numbers from the accounting office, said Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar.

In another matter related to the police department, the Selectboard voted to dissolve the Police Station Building Committee and replace it with a three-member subcommittee with three members: Chief Alves, Building Inspector James Marot, and Finance Committee chairperson Robert St. Jean.

The new police/safety building is complete, with just a few items left to finish up. The chief told the board there is \$140,000 left in the account. That money will be used for the "punch list," a fence, and a firearms training simulator.

Chief Alves said the money may also be used to replace some elements that were removed from the building, such as electrical outlets, when the project was going over budget.

Chief Alves and Mr. Gaspar also heaped praise on Joe Malarney of

Kaestle Boos Associates, who was the architect for the project; and Andrew Pelligrini who was the project manager.

Mr. Gaspar said that Mr. Malarney "watched the town's money like it was his own," and called him a "Godsend."

Mr. Gaspar praised Mr. Pelligrini, as well, saying, "His commitment to the job was outstanding."

In other business the board voted to approve the agreement with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, pending some word changes by town counsel. The project, that was approved by Town Meeting, allows Community Preservation funds to be used for a parcel on Hamlin Street. The town will hold the Conservation Restriction, the BBC will own the property and has promised to open it as a park like the Sawmill property.

The board also approved a list of licenses for 2017, with some holds. Alcohol related licenses will be renewed at the next meeting.

The board had no executive session on Monday.



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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 1/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Community Preserv. Com.

Thurs., 12/8, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.  
TIME CORRECTION

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Council on Aging

Mon., 12/12, Senior Center, 9 a.m.

### Open Space Committee

Thurs., 12/15, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Oxford School Meeting

The Board of Appeals hearing  
Tues., 1/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 12/13, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Rogers School Meeting

Thurs., 1/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 12/14, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 12/19, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Selectboard

Mon., 12/16, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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Tuesday	13 0650	1915 ---- 1251*
Wednesday	14 0739	2007 0047* 1349*
Thursday	15 0831	2100 0144* 1442*
Friday	16 0922	2152 0239* 1524*
Saturday	17 1012	2244 0326* 1602*
Sunday	18 1105	2339 0409* 1641*

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

## Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 12, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Request for Determination Applicant Bradford Peirce Location 1, 7, 9, and 11 Peirce's Point Plot 28 Lots 32, 34, 40, and 40A Purpose perform percolation test for septic system upgrades.
- Request for Determination Applicant Carol Gonzaga Location 35 Grinnell Street Plot 31A Lot 122 purpose reconstruct house with drainage within the 100' buffer zone.

Jay Simmons Chairman  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission

## Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings at **6:30 P.M. on January 3, 2017**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications.

- 1) Petitioner Wayne & Linda Gallant 357 Bridge Street Plot 30, Lot 19H; book 175 and Page 011. 198-28 H Special permit required for construction within the Nasketucket River Basin in an RR District.
- 2) Petitioner Paul & Elaina Letendre 80 Fir Street Plot 43C Lots 349, 358, 361, 362 Certificate #23967. 198-189.1 ft. short of required side yard setback in an RR District
- 3) **Comprehensive Permit.** The applicant, Stratford Capital Group, is requesting Comprehensive Permit approval, per Town Code Chapter 493, to construct 63 senior affordable housing units at the former Oxford School. The proposal is to renovate the 1896 historic portion of the school, demolish the 1951 addition and construct an approximate 110,000 +/- SF new 3 story addition including parking and landscaping. The exemptions to the Zoning Bylaw Chapter 198 being requested are to allow multifamily residences in a Single Family (RA) zoning district,

Intensity Use Schedule Section 198-18 for setbacks, building height, building & lot coverage requirements; parking setback & landscaping requirements Section 198-27; Use MA-DEP Stormwater requirements and not Section 198-31.1 Stormwater Management. The location of the property is 347 Main Street, Plot 22A, and Lots 192 & 193.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Building Department, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule appointments to review the applications call the Building Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 116.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Town will hold a Public Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee and the Town's consultant, to hold the first in a series of public meetings to take input and recommendation for the goals, objectives and priorities for a new Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP).

If you are interested in the Open Space & Recreation needs for the future, you are urged to attend the meeting. All OSRP documents are available on the Town web site at [http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA\\_OpenSpace/index](http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_OpenSpace/index). Those unable to attend the meeting may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at [bilr@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:bilr@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Planning & Economic Development.

William D. Roth, Jr., Director, Planning & Economic Development Department



## Deadline for Town Meeting Articles

The deadline for the Articles of the May 6, 2017 Town Meeting, including Street Acceptance Articles, is January 12, 2017, at 4 p.m.

Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

## 2 dead in Acushnet

### Bristol County DA Press Release

Multiple agencies are currently investigating the deaths of a father and his son in Acushnet. The two deaths are likely the result of carbon monoxide poisoning, and foul play is not suspected at this time.

The deceased have been identified as Joseph Lopes, 41, and Collin Lopes, 9, both of 3 Buttonwood Lane.

At around 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, 12/7, Acushnet Police received a call from the mother of the deceased boy, who is also the ex-wife of the deceased father. The mother was worried because she had been unable to make contact with Mr. Lopes or with Collin Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

Acushnet Police responded to 3 Buttonwood Lane to perform a well-being check. Upon arrival at the home, police found nothing out of order and Mr. Lopes' vehicle was in the driveway. Police then called the Acushnet Elementary School and were informed that Collin had not shown up for school.

Police and fire officials made entry into the home around 10:30 on Wednesday, 12/7, and fire officials quickly determined that there were high levels of carbon monoxide present in the home. Both victims were found deceased inside the home. Two dogs were also found inside the home. One of the dogs was deceased, the other was believed to be very ill.

The Massachusetts State Fire Marshall's office is assisting in the investigation to determine the cause of the apparent carbon monoxide leak.

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