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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

It appears that the year is winding down. Thanksgiving is this week. And...oh, wait, before I go all profound on you...I know, I need to change my little picture. Time for a winter shot.

I'll do that soon.

Meanwhile, it's Thanksgiving, the time when people try to let go of the gripes and try to be thankful for what we have, instead of concentrating on what we do not have.

First and foremost, is, I guess, being grateful for being able to enjoy life a little. We got bad news this week, the New Bedford based F/V Leonardo went down, and three crewmembers are gone. We don't have a story on it yet. The information came in too late, because of our early deadline for the holiday.

It's jolting when a boat goes down and people lose their lives. Those of us who grew up around here have heard this news more often than we care to remember. I can't imagine the pain of the family members right now, and on this week of trying so hard to give thanks.

There are so many who have been touched by these fishing tragedies over the years. The second year of publishing the *Neighb News* the Lady of Grace went down and we lost Fairhaven resident Antonio Barroqueiro. The first year we published, I did a story on the sinking of the F/V Sol e Mar and the loss of young Billy Hokanson and his father "Hokey" and their two dogs. I remember some names from my high school years, too. And now, living near the water, the sound of a Coast Guard helicopter that won't go away sends a wave of dread over me and everyone who knows what that means.

So try to be a little kinder this week to those you meet. If you're crazy enough to have to go the grocery store on Wednesday (ahem...I'll see you there), try not to stress out about it. Enjoy the harmless mayhem. There are people out there dealing with some "heavy" stuff, as we used to say in the 70s.

The families of the three men who will not come back have been forever changed. I hope they can find reasons to be thankful this year, but if they are unable to do that, I wish for them and all those in a similar frame of mind, that it does not last too long for them.

Until next week then...see ya,

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## Weekend and week ahead

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### Turkey Trot

Thurs., 11/28. Gather 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Start time: 8 a.m. Green Street side of Cushman Park, Fairhaven

Annual Thanksgiving morning 5K race raises money for the Shepherd's Pantry. First 500 adult registrants receive a T-Shirt. Registration is \$20 online for adults before Nov. 26 and \$25 for adults Nov. 27-28. Registration for children 12 and under is \$10 either online or in person. After race Trot Fest hosted by Rasputin's Tavern.

For more details and registration,



### Help Decorate Benoit Square

Sat., 11/30, 8 a.m., Benoit Square, opposite 267 Adams St., Fairhaven. Work off that Turkey Dinner and help us decorate for the Holidays!

Please join us in preparing Benoit Square for the holiday season. Many hands make light work!

### New Bedford Tree Lightings and Festival of Lights

The following community events will take place in the City of New Bedford this year to celebrate the holiday season:



### City of New Bedford Official Christmas Tree Lighting

Sat., 11/30, 4:30 p.m., Pleasant St. in front of Main Library downtown.

Join Mayor Jon Mitchell, New Bedford City Councilors and the New Bedford community for the annual tree lighting celebration! **At 4:30 p.m. Santa will lead a parade up William Street to the Main Library.** The parade will feature the award-winning New Bedford High School Whaler Marching Band and the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard. The countdown celebration will feature holiday songs, greetings from local elected officials and an appearance by Santa Claus! New Bedford Community Services Department will serve compli-

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# Selectboard approves re-classification, new position at BPW

By Beth David  
Editor

At it's meeting on Monday, 11/13/19, the Fairhaven Selectboard approved the reclassification of a position in the public works department, creating new position.

An administrative assistant position will be moved up from level 14 to level 15 and become an office manager position.

Town Administrator Mark Rees told board members that the new wage and classification system is not a "static document" and should be reviewed and revised as necessary.

He said there was a "pretty exhaustive process" to evaluate the position and make sure the duties and responsibilities were commensurate with the classification.

"I like the methodology," said Selectboard member Bob Espindola, adding that the documents mention fairness. "And I know that's what this whole effort is about."

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas asked for clarification on the money that town meeting had just appropriated the night before. Mr.

Rees and public works superintendent Vinnie Furtado explained that the town meeting appropriation was for a mistake from the previous fiscal year budget and the reclassification.

Mr. Freitas said they were told the money was for a specific "young lady" and that was why he had voted for it.

He then said another person was working part time and making too much, and the new money would make it even higher.

Mr. Furtado assured him that the salaries did not change. He said they were just making sure the line item in the budget had enough in it to cover the increase.

"Are we done reclassifying?" asked Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Rees explained that it is a "dynamic system" and will be reviewed occasionally, and any recommended changes will be taken back to the board. He said there are no more pending reclassification requests "at this time."

The item passed unanimously.

The board also approved the FY21 Policy Goals and Objectives. The board met earlier in the fall and

decided on priorities for the coming fiscal year. Mr. Rees created the document based on those discussions. After another open meeting, the board made some revisions, and Mr. Rees presented that document to the board. The board approved the document unanimously. It will be posted on the town's website.

The board also approved the Budget Policy Statement, which is available on the town's website.

In his report, Mr. Rees acknowledged the receipt of a letter in regards to the National Flood Insurance Program, saying that the town has a good working knowledge of flood plain management. The town's participation in the plan "provides great protection" for the 546 properties in the program, said Mr. Reese, adding that it covers about \$126 million in coverage.

Mr. Espindola noted that the letter also said that updates involve changes to three flood rate insurance maps that will necessitate changes to the town's zoning bylaws.

Mr. Rees said he will follow up with Town Planner Paul Foley.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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## Shoe Drive

Boy Scouts Pack 52, St. Mary's Church, Fairhaven is holding a shoe drive from now through January 1, 2020. Please donate your gently worn, used and new shoes to Boy Scout Pack 52 drop off: Fairhaven Police Department, 1 Bryant Lane, Fairhaven. Blue up up the stairs on the police side of the building.

Contact Sue Fleurent, 508-415-8632.

## Prize-a-Palooza

Sun., 12/1, from noon to 8 p.m., at Seaport Inn, 110 Middle St. Full day of prizes and fun with local celebrities playing bartender, raffles, free food, live entertainment, activities for children. Benefits the Standard-Times Neediest Families Fund. Prizes include a Yeti cooler, Bruins club seat tickets, a spa day, a weekend getaway, gift baskets, and many restaurant gift cards.

Several rounds of raffles will be held throughout the day.

## Spaghetti Supper

You're invited to a Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser for MO LIFE, Inc., Wed., 12/4, from 4-7 p.m., at Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$8/adults, \$4/kids (12 and under), \$10 at door. Baskets will be raffled off.

For tickets, call 508-992-5978. Visit MO LIFE office, 4 Lambeth Park, Fairhaven, to pick up tickets.

## Halloween Video

Video from the Haunted Town Hall Open House is now available online. Visit <https://www.fairhaventv.com/single-post/2019/11/19/Fairhaven-TVs-Haunted-Open-House-2019>

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Benoit Square Lighting

Fri., 12/6, at 6:30 p.m., Benoit Square, opposite 267 Adams Street, Fairhaven

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will host its annual Sing-Along, this year featuring Voices in Time, and light the decorated square and gazebo. Santa Claus will then visit North Fairhaven on a fire truck. Free. For more information, email [jodidival@comcast.net](mailto:jodidival@comcast.net).

## Candlelight Vigil

Southeastern Mass. Parents of Murdered Children will hold a holiday candlelight vigil for the families and friends of those who have died by violence, on Sun., 12/8, at 4 p.m., indoors at the Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. Bring a framed photo of your loved one to place on a memorial table. Refreshments will follow vigil.

Parents of Murdered Children is a non-profit national organization for families and friends who have endured the pain of losing a loved one from violence. POMC offers support, advocacy and education to members and the public. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Fairhaven Unitarian church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 617-947-1639, or visit [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)

## Cat Show & Author

Award-winning cat-book author and Cat Writers' Association Professional Member, Shawn Flynn, will join the Cat Fanciers' Federation for their Annual Holiday Cat Show at the Seaport Inn & Marina in Fairhaven to share his inspirational pet rescue story.

Flynn's book, *THE KITTY Who Rescued Me After I Rescued Him*, is a heartwarming tale that reveals how the pets we love sometimes turn around and care for us (ABBE Road Publishing, ISBN: 978-0-9987880-0-5, \$9.95).

**Cat Fanciers' Federation Annual Holiday Cat Show, Seaport Inn & Marina, 110 Middle St., Fairhaven, MA on Sat. and Sun., 12/7 & 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.**

The Cat Fanciers' Federation is a 501c7 not-for-profit organization and is one of the oldest feline registries in the United States.

More information about Mr. Flynn can be found at Amazon and Facebook.

## Old Time Holiday

Get into the spirit of the holidays and find an array of holiday gifts, food, music, and old-fashioned good cheer by visiting Fairhaven on Saturday, December 14, 2019, for the 22nd annual Old-Time Holiday in the historical town center. Over the years it has become one of Fairhaven's favorite events. In conjunction with the Old-Time Holiday, several venues in the center will be holding fairs,

selling food, and welcoming Santa.

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/fairhaven-old-time-holiday/> for details.

## Dinner for 2 books

The FHS Honor Society and Student Council are again selling Dinner for Two books, \$29.95 each, buy 3 (\$89.85), get 1 free. This 2020 edition has a full-priced admission to Edaville Railroad worth \$37.00, in addition to 80 other coupons for free dinners, plays, concerts, and cruises worth over \$1500.00. Books will be gift wrapped and ready for pick-up at the high school. All proceeds go to support local nonprofits chosen by FHS students.

Please leave a message at 508-979-4052: Paula Jardin (x15320) or Ben Hevey (x15309) or send an email to [pjardin@fairhavenps.net](mailto:pjardin@fairhavenps.net) or [bhevey@fairhavenps.net](mailto:bhevey@fairhavenps.net) if you are interested. Checks are payable to either FHS Honor Society or FHS Student Council. Students will also be selling these at the Town Hall Shops on Sat., Dec 14th, from 10-3. We appreciate your purchase!

## Snow Park Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1st to March 31st from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

## WI Residents

The West Island Improvement Association is conducting a survey to see how many people, year-round or summer, have contracted Lyme disease, or any other tickborne illnesses. We are trying to apply for a grant to control the ever-worsening tick population on West Island and we need your help. If you or any of your neighbors have been diagnosed with any illnesses related to ticks, please let us know ASAP. Names of people will not be used, but we don't want to count the same neighbors. Please contact Lisa Esten [westisland2019@gmail.com](mailto:westisland2019@gmail.com)

# St. Joseph student donates profits from booth to PTO

*Submitted*

A Saint Joseph School first grade student, Avery Rusin, donated the profits from her Saint Joseph School PTO holiday bazaar craft table to the Saint Joseph School PTO in order for them to purchase and install a water fountain and water bottle filling

station.

Avery and her Grandmother, Melissa Batchilder, make fragrant hand scrubs, and are quite successful. Her grandfather Rob Gray is spearheading the campaign to provide better water for all the students of Saint Joseph's.

Both grandparents set a wonderful example of volunteerism as they are extremely active in the school. Rob volunteers daily as a lunch monitor and Melissa is the coordinator of communication for the Saint Joseph School PTO.



LEFT: Kerri Gomes accepts a donation from St. Joseph School first-grader Avery Rusin, to help with the purchase of a water bottle filling station at the school. Ms. Rusin donated the proceeds from her booth selling fragrant hand scrubs at the PTO holiday bazaar on 11/16/19. ABOVE: Pat Correia reacts with great surprise as she surveys the products at Avery Rusin's table. *Submitted photo.*

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So every time I sing and dance, I hear your beautiful clapping hands  
And every time I get an "A" I see your warm smiling face.  
Time will go on but I won't soon forget  
That there's clapping hands in heaven for whatever I get.  
*Emma Eliza, XXXXO (7 years old)*

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# It's Time Americans Learned About the First Amendment

November 12, 2019

By Judy Patrick

The First Amendment isn't getting the appreciation and respect it deserves. Increasingly battered and misunderstood, it needs all the support it can get as divisive politics and advancing technologies drag us in new directions.

Many Americans don't even know the basics.

Of the five freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment, 71 percent of Americans can name at least one, according to the 2019 State of The First Amendment poll by the non-profit Freedom Forum Institute.

That's certainly an improvement over 2018, when a pitiful 60 percent of those polled could name at least one of the five freedoms. But consider this: Of the 1,007 Americans polled for the 2019 survey, just six people correctly named all five freedoms.

In case the pollsters call you next year: The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech, the press, religion and the right to petition and the right to assembly.

Better yet: We all need to work harder at being citizens who understand our rights, our responsibilities, how government works and what we value.

These powerful First Amendment freedoms, for example, give us all the courage to be independent thinkers and to live our lives how we want to. They allow us to challenge authority in ways unheard of in so many other parts of the world. It enables the press to act independently, hold government accountable and tilt at the occasional windmill.

Gene Policinski, president of the Freedom Forum Institute, said these freedoms help define who we are as Americans. For him, the First Amend-

ment is the "blue collar amendment" — because it's such a workhorse, going to work every day in a real down-to-earth way.

Yet confusion is increasing. More people in this year's survey incorrectly thought the First Amendment includes the right to vote (up to 14 percent from 2 percent in 2018) and the right to bear arms (up to 16 percent from 9 percent in 2018).



Freedom of Speech, Norman Rockwell, Oil on canvas, Saturday Evening Post, February 20, 1943 (© 1943 SEPS: Licensed by Curtis Publishing, Indianapolis, IN; Norman Rockwell Museum Collection). Used by permission.

There is some good news. The poll did not find substantial erosion in trust in journalism with 72 percent of those polled agreeing that it's important for our democracy that the news media act as a government watchdog, down from 73 percent in 2018. Policinski, however, worries that result may be skewed, reflecting people's loyalty to their individual "information bubbles."

The emergence of powerful social media platforms has also muddied the waters; 65 percent of those polled agreed that social media companies such as Facebook and Twitter violate users' First Amendment rights when they ban people. They don't. The First Amendment's protections apply to the government, not private companies.

But the First Amendment presents us with all sorts of emotional and intellectual challenges. It's easy to support free speech when we agree with what's being said. It's far more challenging when we disagree or abhor what is being said, printed, painted, built or sung.

Indeed, the First Amendment has challenged us as a society as we have debated topics such as school prayer, flag burning, printing classified information, curfews, the teaching of evolution, protests at military funerals, blue laws, Christmas displays in public parks and mandatory measles vaccinations.

The rhetoric around such issues can be alienating. An increasing number of us, for example, think the First Amendment goes too far in the rights it guarantees (29 percent in 2019, up from 23 percent in 2018 and 2017).

Maybe we just need another Norman Rockwell for an idealistic re-boot.

In the 1940s, as the U.S. headed into what would become World War II, Rockwell's series of freedom paintings helped Americans understand the freedoms at stake. His four iconic works captured parts of the First Amendment (freedom of speech and religion) and added the freedoms to be free of want and fear.

Despite President Franklin Roosevelt's oratory, the "four freedoms" he outlined in 1941 speech failed to

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Science Cafe

Tues., 12/3, 6:00–8:00pm, Free. “Changing Oceans, Moving Fish: How Can the Science that Informs Fisheries Management Keep Up?” Our guests will be three marine scientists, Michelle Agonsi, Ashleigh Novak, and Amanda Hart, graduate students and researchers from UMass-Dartmouth’s School for Marine Science & Technology (SMAST).

At Greasy Luck Brewpub, 791 Purchase St., New Bedford. Open to everyone! Come a little early (5:45) for our first annual holiday BioMixology Party!! Celebrate science and mix-and-mingle with other Science Café goers. Cash bar, free appetizers.

Climate change and warming oceans are having a profound effect on marine species. By one estimate, they are moving into new waters at a rate of 70 km per decade, usually cooler waters. Worldwide, billions of people depend on marine life and its biodiversity, for both food and work, and as stocks move, or proliferate or diminish, fishery leaders are rushing to keep up.

Mitchelle, Ashleigh and Amanda will tell us about new methods and technologies used for tracking and monitoring both the ocean’s physical changes and the movements of ocean dwellers. They will discuss measures that might help fisheries achieve sustainability both for the species as well as livelihoods, and discuss the implications of an uncertain future.

For more info: 508-984-1955. Keep track of events by visiting <http://www.nbsciencecafe.com> or join our FaceBook page (New Bedford Science Café).

## Peace Light

The Catholic Community of New Bedford North (CCNBN), a collaborative of St. Joseph-St. Therese, Our Lady of Fatima and St. Mary’s churches welcomes all Christians to their Advent Service and a Distribution of the Bethlehem Peace Light at 7:00 p.m. on Thurs., 12/5, at St. Mary’s Church, 343 Tarkiln Hill Road in New Bedford,

The service, entitled “Together, We Welcome the Child of Peace and The Reception of the Bethlehem Peace Light” will begin with a poignant, prayerful Advent service followed by

a distribution of the Bethlehem Peace Light by Boy Scouts, the traditional bearers of the Light.

The Peace Light from Bethlehem campaign originated in Austria in 1986 as part of a charitable relief mission and first came to America in 1995. Every year, just after Thanksgiving, the Light is transported to America and is presented to American Girl and Boy Scouts at a ceremony in John F. Kennedy Airport in New York. St. Mary’s parishioners have brought the Light to the region and distributed it at St. Mary’s, Christian churches in the region and the National Shrine to Our Lady of La Salette since 2012.

It is hoped that this flame, from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, a flame which has burned for 1,500 years, will serve as a symbol bringing about a desire for real peace in your hearts, our families, our Nation and the World and that it will be passed along to friends, neighbors and family. Candles that may be relighted at home will be available and people may also take the flame in oil lanterns if they wish.

Christians gladly receive this Light as a sign of their willingness to be channels of Peace, by our thoughts, by our words and by our actions. By sharing this Light with our friends, our families and in our communities, we believe that Peace in the World really does have a chance.

For more information contact the CCNBN Central Office at 508-995-3593.

## Special Show at Z

New Bedford Festival Theatre is incredibly excited about our upcoming 30th season as we celebrate 30 years of bringing the best of Broadway to the SouthCoast of MA! We have two very special shows lined up to celebrate. **On Nov. 30**, past performers of NBFT will converge on the Zeiterion stage for a one-night only, star-studded benefit concert entitled *The Best Of Times!* Audience members will stroll down NBFT memory lane as alumni perform beloved songs from *Les Miserables*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Hairspray*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, and more. Woven in between musical numbers will be memories — happy, humorous, and poignant — of how NBFT, Founder Armand Marchand, and Artistic Director George Charbonneau have positively changed the arts

landscape for New Bedford and the surrounding area. Then in July we will be presenting ANNIE, America’s Favorite musical!

Tickets, \$30–\$50, are on sale now at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center Box Office, in person, by phone, 508-994-2900, or online, <https://zeiterion.org/nbft-best-of-times/>

## Thrift Shop

Hetty’s Thrift Shoppe is open with new items weekly! We are located in the Child & Family Services’ building on 1061 Pleasant Street in New Bedford. Store hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop from a variety of brand names and the lowest prices around; you never know what treasures you’ll find! All proceeds from Hetty’s go directly to support our Caring Network Program. We also accept donations during business hours. Visit: [www.child-familyservices.org/hettys-thrift-shoppe/](http://www.child-familyservices.org/hettys-thrift-shoppe/) for more information.

## Holidays at the Fishing Center

Celebrate the holidays at the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, 35 Bethel St., New Bedford. For more info visit: <https://fishingheritagecenter.org/programs/calendar/> or call 508-993-8894.

### Salty Santa

Sat., 11/30, and 12/7, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Visit the Center for ornament making, work from local artists, and 10% off your purchases in our gift shop! Salty Santa will be at the Center both days from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. for a special storytime! Admission is free.

\*November 30th is DNB’s Holiday Stroll Event with activities throughout New Bedford

### Concert

Jon Campbell in concert on Thurs., 12/5, at 7:00 pm. For the past 25 years, Jon has been writing and performing music based on the wide range of experience available to those people living in coastal regions.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10/members, \$12/non-members. Get yours at the Center’s gift shop, Brown Paper Tickets (<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4430268>), or at the door.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Holiday Green Sale

The New Bedford Garden Club will hold their Annual Holiday Green Sale at the Acushnet Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 So Main St., on: Wed., 12/4, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

## Bike Run/Toy & Food Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club along with the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual **Toy & Food Drive/Motorcycle Run on Sun., 12/1. \$10 or unwrapped toy donation** (no stuffed animals please), or non-perishable food donation gets you in. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End Cafe, 7 Tarkiln Hill Road, Acushnet.

Starts at 10 a.m. at the River's End Cafe. Kickstands up at noon for ride to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Then back to the Rivers End.

## A Christmas Carol

Celebrating 42 years at Trinity Rep, Rhode Island's family holiday tradition brings Ebenezer Scrooge, Jacob Marley, Tiny Tim, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future to the stage in a glorious re-telling of the classic story that has delighted and inspired millions.

Best availability in November. Buy early for best seats and prices.

This year's production of A Christmas Carol is dedicated to Stephen Hamblett and Nick Cardi. **Now until 12/29.**

For tickets <https://www.trinityrep.com/show/a-christmas-carol/>

## Author Events

The Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd., welcomes two authors.

**On Wed., 12/4, at 6:30 p.m.** author Siobhan McDonald will share her book *Hilda's Story: New Bedford, Massachusetts*.

Author Siobhan McDonald creates books that combine vintage photographs with question prompts to build communication with seniors of all levels dealing with health challenges (including dementia, stroke, and other chronic issues).

*Hilda's Story*, set in New Bedford, is a wonderful resource to use as an activity for any home health care worker, at any skilled nursing home,

assisted living or other senior health care facility.

The talk will include tips on communicating with people who have dementia and Visual Thinking Strategies featuring an interactive art history discussion with audience participation. Books will be available for purchase.

**On Mon., 12/2, at 6:30 p.m.** author Jeff Belanger will share his Creepy Christmas program.

Remember the famous Christmas song which goes, "There'll be scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago..." So what happened to the scary stories? Jeff Belanger brings the spooky back to the yuletide time of year with Creepy Christmas. From the origins of the holiday to the monsters and ghosts that lurk in its shadows, Jeff will take you on a multi-media journey of this haunting holiday!

Jeff Belanger is one of the most visible and prolific researchers of folklore and legends today. Books will be available for sale and signing.

## Fountain Pen Talk

Did you think fountain pens were a thing of the past? Not so — there is still a tremendous interest in them! Jim Kagle, local aficionado of all writing implements will share his knowledge of the history of fountain pens, how they reflected the times in which they were produced, and how to care for them at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., on Sun., 12/1, from 2–3 p.m.. Accessible. Attendees can bring in one pen for Jim to identify.

## Block Party

**Sat., 11/30, 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Historic Westminster Street, between Dorrance and Union streets in Downtown Providence**

InDowncity kicks off the holiday season with its annual Celebrate Downcity neighborhood holiday block party featuring free photos with Santa. Get a head start on holiday shopping while supporting local shops on Small Business Saturday! Browse Westminster Street's unique apparel, jewelry, books, records, vintage and handmade goods, holiday decorations and more, in a festive environment. Take a break from shopping and enjoy kids'

activities with Providence Children's Museum. New this year: snap selfies in six color-themed photobooths, each designed with a unique holiday motif.

Street food vendors include a variety of tastes, including cocktails for both kids and adults. Stay tuned to @indowncitypvd on social media for event updates. For more info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2421132231499536/>

## Gloucester Parade

Gloucester Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, Sun., 12/1, 3–5 p.m. Welcome the Christmas holiday to Gloucester at the annual Christmas Parade, the official start of the Holiday Season on Cape Ann! The Annual Christmas Parade starts at 3:00 pm and winds its way through downtown Gloucester to Stacey Boulevard and Kent Circle, for the lighting of the Tree ceremony which begins at about 4:15 pm.

Santa will be there to Welcome Everyone! Visit <https://www.discovergloucester.com/event/>

## SAVE THE DATES:

### Acushnet Lighting and Sing-Along

The Acushnet Firefighters Association will be hosting its annual Christmas display lighting and sing-along on **Sunday, 12/8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Acushnet Fire Station, 22 Russell Street**. The Ford Middle School Chorus will lead us in singing Christmas carols. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served and Santa will be arriving on a fire truck. FREE. We are again this year be collecting Toys for Tots and ask for your generosity.

### Padanaram Christmas Fest

Join us at the Padanaram Village Christmas Festival on **Fri., 12/6, from 5–8 p.m. Santa arrives at 6, so don't be late!** At Bridge and Elm Streets, South Dartmouth.

Features food and refreshments, a visit from Santa and his elves, treats and giveaways from local business, performances and more. Free parking at the New Bedford Yacht Club and St. Mary's Church, with free shuttle service at St. Mary's Church. Sponsored by the Padanaram Business Association. Visit <https://www.visitpadanaram.com/>

## Recipe of the Week

### Sausage Cornbread Stuffing

Extra-virgin olive oil

1 large onion, small dice

3 ribs celery, small dice

Kosher salt

1 lb. spicy sausage, casing

removed, broken into bite-size chunks

3 cloves garlic, smashed & finely diced

3/4 c coarsely chopped walnuts

10 sage leaves, finely chopped

3 sprigs rosemary, leaves finely chopped

10 cups stale cornbread, cut into 1-inch cubes

2 cups dried cranberries

3 to 4 cups chicken stock

Preheat the oven to 350°F

Coat large saute pan with olive oil, add onions and celery and saute over med. heat. Season with salt and cook until the vegetables start to become soft and are very aromatic. Add the sausage and cook until the sausage begins to brown. Stir in the garlic and saute for another 1 to 2 minutes. Add the walnuts, sage and rosemary and cook for another minute, then remove from heat.

In a large bowl mix together the cornbread, cranberries, and the sausage mixture. Add chicken stock and knead with your hands until the bread is very moist, actually wet. Taste to check for seasoning and season with salt, if needed and transfer to an ovenproof dish.

Bake the stuffing until it is hot all the way through and is crusty on top, about 30 to 35 minutes.

From [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)

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mentary hot chocolate.

**Stop by the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. (not free)** as New Bedford Festival Theatre presents a star-studded cast, consisting of performers from their 30 years of shows, returning to the Zeiterion stage! Don't miss this uber talented line up, singing songs from La Cage Aux Folles, Les Miserables, Jekyll and Hyde and much, much more! **Tickets start at \$30.**

### Holiday Shop & Stroll

Sat., 11/30, noon to 5 p.m., downtown New Bedford.

dNB's 2019 Holiday Stroll is happening this Saturday! Kick off the holiday season on Small Business Saturday in downtown New Bedford. With Santa at Mare Studios, Firetruck Rides, Carolers, Southcoast Brass Band — and more!

### Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting

Fri., 12/6, at 6 p.m., Loretta Bourque Park at corner of Ruth Street and Salisbury Street

### Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park

Sun., 12/8, at 5 p.m., Clasky Common Park at County & Pope Streets

Event includes sing-along led by students, speechmaking by local politicians, and a visit from Santa.

Enormous display includes

thousands of lights, Santa's workshop, reindeer, and Santas Around the World display.

### Movie Monday: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (not free)

Mon., 12/9, at 7 p.m., Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street. **Cost \$3.**

A screening of the 1989 classic film, where the Griswold family's Christmas plans predictably turn into a hilarious disaster.

### 28th Annual Holiday House Tour

Sat., 12/14, from 4–8 p.m.; and Sun., 12/15, from 1–5 p.m.; at Wamsutta Club, 427 County Street

Capture the holiday spirit on the New Bedford Preservation Society's 27th Annual Holiday House Tour. Visitors will be inspired by the varied architecture and interiors, all beautifully decorated for the season. The tour runs Saturday the 14th, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Many other 2019 Holiday Happenings are available on Destination New Bedford's website at <http://destinationnewbedford.org/holidays2019/>

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# Shopping with the *Neighb News*

*A decidedly biased piece by  
Beth David  
Editor*

It's time for one our favorite annual stories: Shopping with the *Neighb News*! Here, you will learn how you can find gifts for everyone on your list, a few things for yourself, and spend some fun time exploring all that *Neighb News* advertisers have to offer .

After all the Thanksgiving Day feast is over and you're looking for a way to work off some of it, it's time to buy gifts for your precious loved ones, whether you want to or not!

No need to get all stressed out, the *Neighb News* is here to take some of the anxiety out of your Christmas and holiday shopping journey. You need only to look within these pages to find all you need for even the hardest-to-buy-for relative.

First, you'll want to call **Cyclone Cleaning** to get the house spruced up for your holiday parties. Or maybe you want to swing by the drop-off center with your area carpets. While you're there, grab a gift certificate for your parents' place.

After that, you'll want to decorate with some wreaths and baskets and all manner of decorations using natural greens, and Christmas trees, too. You'll find all that and a friendly face at **Roxann's Gardening Center**.

And part of decorating outside should also include flags and banners with all kinds of fun stuff on them. Take a peek at the selection of old favorites and original designs from **Brewer Banner Designs**. It's the simplest way to dress up the outside to match the inside, and show your holiday spirit to the world.\s

This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, you'll want to start with a hearty breakfast and we've got a couple of great choices for you. Check out **Courtyard** in East Fairhaven, or the **Little Village Cafe**, in the center of town.

Both serve a great breakfast and lunch, and have lots of interesting items on their menus, each with their own specialties. And they have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

If you're a true early bird and hail from the northern edge of our coverage area, you'll want to start at

**Rochelle's** and grab one of their early bird specials.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We've got just the spots for you to choose from

Visit **St. Anthony of New Bedford Credit Union**, which offering holiday loans to help you get through the spending. It's a nice small place, very cozy, where everyone knows your name. If you're more inclined to stay on this side of the river, visit Southern Mass Credit Union. It's another cozy, hometown place. Both offer car loans and CDs. Now *that's* a great gift!

Speaking of cars....  
**A&A Auto** has a great selection of used cars to fit any budget. I'll bet

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Here, you will learn how  
you can find gifts for  
everyone on your list,  
a few things for yourself,  
and spend some fun time  
exploring all that  
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Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it, too, if you ask. And they do repairs, too, if you're not quite ready to buy.

But, ahem, having some budget issues? No problem, head over to **Cottage Street Motors**. Sue can fix you up with a payment plan to fit any budget (and I bet they can find a big bow, too).

Looking for that home-town New-Englandy village experience? Well, Fairhaven's got it all here, as New England as it gets in the center of town. Park the car and walk around.

Nothing says Christmas better than a stroll among quaint shops for village-style shopping. Your best bet is **Euro Phoenix** where you'll find gifts for every pocketbook, from dollar doodads to imported Norwegian sweaters. Take the kids with you. Their allowances will go far at this Fairhaven gem.

While you're still in the vicinity, take a stroll by our magnificent town hall, Millicent Library, and Unitarian Church. These architectural wonders were gifts from town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers.

And, if Black Friday is not your favorite time to shop, hold off one week and see what the shops at the **Old Time Holiday by the Office of Tourism** have to offer, in just a couple of weeks.

Now you've worked up an appetite with all that walking and oohing and aahing over our town center, so scoot over to **Wah May's Restaurant**. Have some tea to warm you up, and grab a couple of gift certificates to hand out on the big day.

Got a sweet tooth? Have some people impossible to buy for? Well, no one can resist the home made sweets at **Dorothy Cox's Chococate and Ice Cream**. Ice cream all year long. So, yup, it's the ultimate comfort food stop. And they have gift certificates! I mean, who doesn't just LOVE a dozen yummy truffles, or a box of mixed chocolates that you get to choose yourself? (Did I mention the fudge?)

Now it's time to take care of that young couple who just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper, and they need all the help they can get.

Maybe the old place just needs some TLC? Well, check out our **classifieds**. They are loaded with people who can help out with those little jobs, and cool stuff for sale — cheap.

It's quite possible that the old place is perfect for a really sarcastic card that says "360 payments and it's ours!" But it could be that it's just that unkemp yard making it look a lot worse than it is. We have a couple of possibilities to help them out. Call **Ron's Lawns** or **Carlos Landscaping** to get that yard in shape. You'll be amazed at how a professionally cleaned up, raked up, mowed down yard can change the feel of a place. They each have their own specialties, so give 'em a call to see which one bst suits your needs.

For electrical work, you'll want Eric from **Eric Sylvia**. He can do it all, big or small.

And now that they've got all upgraded electrical, they can plug in all their gadgets. New house, new electric, they definitely need new

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gadgets too, or at least an upgrade. But it's such a hassle to update and reconnect and make sure the security software is up to date and all the other stuff that makes you just want to scream. Call Glenn at **Fairhaven Computer Repair**. He can fix what you've got, or fix you up with advice on what to buy, and set it all up for you, too.

Maybe the old place should have an alarm, huh? Yeah, I thought so, now that you've got all those new, shiny gadgets. Call **Wayne Electric**. They do alarms, and that's a cool gift!

You'll want **Robert Furtado** to do all the other projects, from cabinet making to the new bathroom.

Do the kids have their hearts set on a new kitchen? No one does kitchens like **Fairhaven Lumber**. They have cabinets, flooring and other products and services, like windows, to keep that big old wooden wonder cozy and warm.

You'll also want to check out **Cottrell Bros.**, for their selection of home renovation products and services.

You have other choices for the exterior work and for that combo interior/exterior work that the old house is bound to need.

Check out **Marc Gadbois**, whether it's time to replace the siding, windows, roofing, or fix what's there. He does everything, no matter how big the job seems to be.

Just be sure to check out **Shawn Fitzgerald**, too. He can get that roof on in a jiffy.

I'm willing to bet that big old monster has a big old monster of a heating system, too. If so, they'll be using up a little more fuel than they like for a year or two until they can replace that antique. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill up the oil tank. Now *that's* a gift!

Maybe they have that no-fossil-fuel thing going on? No problem, **Reliable Solar** can help them out in a snap. I mean, if they're renovating the house, putting a new roof on, why not take a step or two to get off the grid? They are young'uns after all, they like to try new stuff.

While we're talking about outside work, I'm thinking some of that stuff might require some heavy equipment. Or, maybe the kids got a good deal because the old septic system needs an upgrade, or the driveway looks

like a bomb hit it? Well, if that's the case, they need **Arne Excavating**.

Of course, an old house like that probably has a fireplace or a wood stove, too, and that can take some pressure off that old boiler. Call **Fitzgerald Tree Service**. He's got seasoned wood to make Christmas morning nice and toasty. And he can take down that tree that looks ready to topple onto the chimney, too.

Speaking of chimneys. Call **Lenny Fleurent & Sons** if that baby needs repairing. Better yet, send Lenny to the basement to waterproof it. He can even fix up that old stone wall.

Hmm...speaking of repairing stuff, I'll bet the kids, or someone on your list has a car that might not be the newest around, huh? It, too, might

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Christmas magic on a  
small island.

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need some TLC, or at least some maintenance. Get in touch with **Custom Auto**. They do it all, and I'll bet they can give you gift certificate for an oil change or A/C recharge.

That should do it for stuff. What about protecting it all now? Call **Vieira Insurance Agency** for that. They specialize in insuring houses in seashore towns. Does it get any better than that?

Now it's time for dinner. In the mood for something exotic? Then head over to **Sivalai Thai**. They have two locations now, one on each side of the river.

Looking for good hearty fare that's affordable in a friendly setting? Then you want the **Town Crier**, the place to meet great people. They have gift certificates, of course, and a great room upstairs to hold that holiday party that you just do NOT want to cook for.

Still don't have something for the person who has everything?

Maybe you're looking for an experience. Look no farther than the **Fairhaven Office of Tourism**. You'll get info on all kinds of stuff happening in town at this time of year, lots of it for free, too. Don't forget to ask about the Old Time Holiday Weekend (we'll have more on that next week).

Now, I know that no one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but then you watch some sappy old Christmas movie with the obligatory hospital scene. And then you realize no one has updated the will in forever. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski** and get it done. They can handle the full range of legal beagle stuff. It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

While we're on the subject, you know you're thinking of all those who have gone before us, and the last time you visited, you noticed the grave-stones getting pretty yucky looking. Give John at **J&L Cemetery Plot Maintenance** a call. He'll clean up the stone and plant something really nice for the holidays there, too.

Still have a few people on the list? Perhaps a boater? Maybe you're thinking of Uncle Johnny and that old boat of his and how he always has such a devil of a time getting it running in the spring. Call **Moby Dick Marina** and give Uncle Johnny indoor winter storage. You know he'll love that!

Now it's party time. First, you'll need a body tune-up at the chiropractor to get straightened out. Call **Pine Grove Chiropractic** to get your back and neck and everything in shape for the next part of the program.

Did I mention it's party time?

Of course, you can't go "empty-handed" to a party, as my dear old Aunt Zee used to say. But, there's no need to cook everything yourself.

Call **Mac's Soda Bar**. They have a catering and take-out menu to fit every budget: Whether you just want a couple of things to make you the hit of the party, or if you're in charge of the whole thing. And they have gift certificates, too. So, while you're planning your own party, check a couple of people off your list.

Let's see, boats, electronic gadgets, food, what did we forget? Oh, right, houses and apartments. You know what happens: People

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# Fairhaven Recreation Center

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## Basketball Clinic 1st grade to 8th

Fairhaven Recreation will be running clinics to teach the basic fundamentals of basketball. Each week will have skills and drills shown and practiced to develop young players.

Cost: FREE with play card, \$30 without Ages: 1st grade to 8th Instructor Donald Joseph

1st through 4th grades from 8:00 to 9:00 am/5th through 8th grades from 9 to 10:30 am. Every Saturday, 12/14/19 to 2/8/20

## Kool Kids Christmas Vacation

This 3 day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodgeball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 3 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch combined with a New Years celebration. Come ready to party! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school.

Grades: K-5 Session 1: 12/23, 12/26, 12/27. Session 2: 12/30/2019 to 01/03/2020. Drop off 8 a.m., pick up by 3 p.m. Instructors: Staff. Cost of each session: \$75 Member, \$100 Non Member

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## Mall Trips

2/4 Tiverton Casino  
12/11 Warwick Mall

12/18 SouthShore Plaza  
12/26: Hyannis Mall, Xmas Shop, Trader

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

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## Special Activities

### Food Program

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# BPW discusses Pasta House grease trap problem

By Mary Macedo

## Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 11/18 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works discussed grease build up at the Pasta House restaurant, as well as expanding winter hours at the recycling center.

The board first met with Pasta House owner Mario Ribeiro about the grease issues the business has been dealing with for about four years.

Public Works Superintendent Vincent Furtado explained to the board and the public about the history behind the Pasta House's grease issue. He said that four years ago the town made it a rule that any new restaurant must put in an external grease trap and older restaurants like the Pasta House who have internal grease traps could be grandfathered, but only if the internal grease traps were working sufficiently.

BPW Chairperson Brian Wotton said the Pasta House was remodeled a few years ago and added new internal grease traps, but has continues to have grease build up due to the size and popularity of the restaurant.

Mr. Furtado explained that even with the new internal grease trap and an attempt to use biological products to eliminate grease, the restaurant has still had a problem

Board member Frank Coelho said that the town has had to clear the sewer line out in the street four times and the grease build up has to stop.

Mr. Furtado said even with all the techniques the restaurant has used to try to eliminate grease, the buildups keep happening because the business is just too big for internal grease traps.

Board member Robert Hobson said it is the most famous restaurant in town.

Mr. Ribeiro said that he wants to resolve the issue. He explained that he needs to install an external grease trap, but it is very costly. The cost of the installation itself is not too bad, he said, but the cost of the engineering is just too much. He asked if the town would allow him to install the external grease trap without all the engineering.

Mr. Ribeiro also explained that each time he had the town clear out the sewer he was charged a lot of

money by the town. It has cost him between \$1500 and \$2500 each time.

Mr. Ribeiro questioned why he was charged that much to have the town clear their own pipes.

Mr. Hobson explained that the cost of clearing the pipe is based off the time and materials used.

Mr. Furtado also explained that the Mr. Ribeiro is paying for the town's pipe to be cleared because the pipes are backed up due to the grease coming from his restaurant.

Mr. Coelho explained that Mr. Ribeiro waited three months before paying one of the town's bills for clearing the pipe. Mr. Coelho asked Mr. Ribeiro if he would have appreciated it if the town waited three months to clear his backup.

Mr. Ribeiro explained that he did

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The board voted to give Mr. Ribeiro two to three months to come up with a plan, with Mr. Coelho voting "no."

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not know he was responsible for his pipe as well as the town's.

Mr. Furtado explained that Mr. Ribeiro should start the process of planning and finding a contractor to install the external grease trap. Mr. Furtado said he would ask the Board of Health about the possibility of installing the external grease trap without engineering.

Mr. Ribeiro said that the external grease trap would be about \$10,000 plus a plumber. He said he does not believe the engineering is necessary, which add \$30,000 to the project.

Board member Keith Silvia said that he did not think BOH would allow the restaurant to install an external grease trap without engineering.

Mr. Furtado said he would talk to the BOH and see what they can do.

Mr. Hobson suggested they meet again with Mr. Ribeiro in two to three months to give him time to come up with a plan and find a contractor, as well as to give Mr. Furtado time to speak to the Board of Health.

Mr. Coelho disagreed and said that the grease issue needs to be dealt with soon.

The board voted to give Mr. Ribeiro two to three months to come up with a plan, with Mr. Coelho voting "no."

In another matter the board discussed the incentive water sampling locations. Mr. Furtado explained that the town has 45 locations that have volunteered to be sampled, but not all 45 will be used.

Mr. Furtado said he would like to make the incentive that all the locations that are listed to volunteer for water sampling will receive \$20 off their water bill per year and the locations that the town actually uses water samples from will receive \$40 off their water bill.

The board approved that recommendation unanimously,

The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter Mr. Furtado asked the board about opting into mutual aid. He explained that mutual aid is for all towns to help each other in times of need. If a neighboring town needed help the town of Fairhaven could help them and vice versa.

Mr. Furtado gave the example of all the town's plows being broken, and a neighboring town would help plow the snow etc.

The board passed the measure unanimously.

In another matter Mr. Hobson asked if the recycling center could be open two Saturdays a month instead of only one Saturday a month during the winter months.

Mr. Furtado explained that from January to March the recycling center is open half days on Wednesdays and the last Saturday of the month.

Mr. Hobson said that adding another Saturday would help people who have trouble getting there, due to work etc.

Mr. Furtado agreed and said they could add another Saturday. Mr. Furtado said that from January to March the recycling center could be open half days on Wednesdays and every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

In another matter Mr. Hobson suggested to Mr. Furtado that the Park Department take control over the Tree Department.

Mr. Furtado said that is something

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# Public Hearings/Legal Notices

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## TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARING/CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town of Acushnet Cable Television Advisory Committee will conduct a hearing at 5:00 p.m. December 5, 2019 at the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room. The purpose of this hearing will be to ascertain the Town's cable television-related needs in connection with the proposed renewal of the Town's cable television license with Comcast and other matters related to the operation by Comcast of the current cable television license. Any applications, reports, statements, and amendments to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 130 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

The public is hereby notified that the cable operator, Comcast, has submitted a renewal proposal for the Acushnet cable television license. A copy of that renewal proposal is available for review at the Town Offices.

Cable Television Advisory Committee  
FNN, 11/21/19, 11/28/19

## Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street  
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- 250 Bridge Street, Map 36, Lot 15. 198-18: Variance request for 45' on buffer requirement of 50'. 198-18: Variance request for 18' on rear setback of a required 50'. And on 240, a variance is needed to require no planting of street trees.
- 3 Sunset Lane, Map 26, Lot 165. 198-22: Variance request for 130 sq feet over the 700 sq feet allowable for an accessory structure in a RR District for a garage. 198-22 (a) (2): Variance over 7' over maximum height of 20' for an accessory structure.
- 38 Doane Street, Map 2, Lot 33: 198-18: Variance request for 19' on front yard setback, of a required 20' and 11' variance request front yard (Short Street) of a required 20'. Also Special Permit request for an accessory apartment.
- 21 Holiday Drive, Map 29C, Lot 662. 198-18: Variance request for 6% over building coverage of 15% in a RR District for an oversized garage.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman  
11/21/19, 11/28/19

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearings** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

- CON 023-104: **19 Abbey Street** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Laurel Merchant for the installation of a deck at the property located at 19 Abbey Street, Assessors Map 6, Lot 100. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone VE and buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
- CON-19-066: **6 Emerson Avenue** Notice of Intent filed by Natalie Reis for the installation of a garage, stamped patio, and concrete driveway at the property located at 6 Emerson Avenue, Assessors Map 29A, Lot 119. Work to take place within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage/Zone VE and Buffer Zone to Coastal Beach.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed at the Conservation Office in Town Hall, located at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

Jay Simmons, Chair  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission  
Fairhaven Neighborhood News, 11/28/19

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that the board would have to discuss with Town Administrator Mark Rees.

Mr. Wotton mentioned that there was recent accident on West Island that was in a location where a traffic study had been done. He said he believed that the location needed a stop sign and the traffic study that was done in August of 2016 concluded that no stop sign was needed.

Mr. Wotton suggested that a new traffic study be done because he believed that area was still a safety concern.

Mr. Furtado suggested that instead of going through a whole new traffic study that instead they get a recommendation letter for a stop sign from an engineer.

Mr. Furtado said he would speak with GCG Associates about getting a letter recommendation for a stop sign in that area.

Mr. Furtado also informed the board that they have received an \$800,000 grant to do roadwork on Sconticut Neck Road. The grant will help narrow the portion of the road near the crossing of the bike path, and will also create a bike lane to the Wood School.

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resonate with the public in a meaningful way. For help, the White House reached out to the nation's artists and musicians.

"[Rockwell] wanted to interpret them in a way the average American could understand," said Stephanie Plunkett, chief curator of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA.

But it was a challenge. "The Four Freedoms are so darned high blown. Somehow I just couldn't get my mind around it," Rockwell is quoted as saying.

But by using scenarios from real life in small-town America, did just that. Rockwell's "Freedom of Speech," featuring a man standing up and speaking up in a crowded meeting room, was based on an actual town meeting in Arlington, VT. The man was a farmer unhappy with a school project that would increase his taxes.

"He gave his opinion, nodded his head and sat down," Plunkett said.

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The exhibit returns to the U.S. from France this fall, making stops in Houston and Denver before returning home next fall. Here are the details [on remaining dates]: Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas Dec. 15, 2019 through March 22, 2020; Denver Art Museum, Denver, May 3, 2020 through Aug. 23, 2020; Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., Sept. 12, 2020 through Jan. 17, 2021.

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## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Capital Planning Comm

Wed., 12/4, Town Hall, 1:30 p.m.

### Community Preservation

Wed., 12/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 12/2, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/9, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Contributory Retirement

Tues., 11/26, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

### Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 12/3, Town Hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 12/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 12/11, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 12/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Sustainability Comm.

Tues., 12/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Cable Advisory Comm.

Thurs., 12/5, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

### Selectboard

Tues., 12/10, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

## TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Wing's Neck

	Nov. 2019	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	28	0844	2111	0157*	1501*
Friday	29	0931	2159	0240	1528
Saturday	30	1017	2248	0317	1557

	Dec. 2019	HIGH		LOW	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sunday	1	1107	2341	0354	1630
Monday	2	----	1201	0433	1713
Tuesday	3	0037	1255	0525	1813
Wednesday	4	0129	1346	0642	1923
Thursday	5	0219	1438	0803	2013
Friday	6	0313	1536	1049	2058
Saturday	7	0410	1633	1126	2144

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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