



# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

It is the season of Thanksgiving. We are supposed to sit back and appreciate what we have; take time to consciously look around us and be thankful for the good things in our lives.

Right now I'm just thankful that I'm almost done with this week's issue.

Is that enough to be thankful for?  
I guess not.

I am extremely thankful that we did not get seven feet of snow, like in Buffalo. I am also thankful that I have a stack of wood in my yard and a wood stove that makes my house toasty warm when I get around to lighting it.

I am thankful to my grandparents, for coming here to the US when they did. They started a whole clan of fun-loving, hard-working, productive members of society.

All four of my grandparents worked very hard in one way or another. They worked in mills and in the house. They didn't stop, from morning until night.

It wasn't easy, and at the risk of getting political and ticking off some people (like that ever stopped me before), I just want to remind people of that.

It was never easy. No one ever said it would be easy.  
They just said it would be possible.  
And it still is.

I look around at my wonderful cousins and their delightful children and I am very grateful for the pride I feel. I am always proud to point out my cousins and my many SOCs (Sort-of-Cousins) from my extended family. God bless them all, and all theirs to come.

There's a lot this country needs to do to make it not so hard for people to rise up a notch or two on the financial ladder. We can debate the details of that another time.

The situation in Ferguson, Missouri, is still tense as I write this, and a lot of people there are not feeling too thankful, I would think.

I keep writing paragraphs and deleting them. There's so much to say about all this stuff, and yet, nothing to say, really.

If we all just treated each other with a little respect.  
If we all just took responsibility for our own actions.  
If we all just stopped trying to control other people.

Democracy is messy. Freedom is messy. They are supposed to be. It's the nature of the beast.

You would think that the oldest democracy in the world would know that by now.

Meanwhile, it is not only the season to be thankful, it is the season to be shopping.

As Americans, we appreciate the dollar as much as we appreciate anything else.

As noble as it is to be happy in one's work, one cannot use a smile to pay the mortgage. So, as you spend your holiday dollars on gifts and merriment during this most spendthrift of times, please, spend some of those dollars with our advertisers. And be sure to tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!



Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Nothing? Really?

# New Bedford responds to criticism from casino developer

*From press release materials*

On Friday, 11/21, the City of New Bedford responded to statements made earlier in the week by Andrew M. Stern, managing director and principal of the New York-based KG Urban Enterprises.

In a November 16 Sunday Standard Times story Mr. Stern called for the City of New Bedford to “immediately come to the table and commence Host Community Agreement negotiations with KG Urban Enterprises.”

The City objected to Mr. Stern’s demand, citing KG’s repeated refusal to fund the outside consultants that assist municipalities considering casino proposals under the Massachusetts Expanded Gaming Act. KG’s demand that the City first endorse its casino concept prior to the City’s location and impact analysis, as well as KG’s refusal to provide the necessary expert funding as required by law, are long-standing issues of contention between the parties.

KG has in the past said it would only permit a limited peer-review of its current facility concept, but has repeatedly refused funding requests

for any City study of the Cannon Street location’s suitability or study of the multiple impacts on the City.

In conjunction with this announcement, the City’s gaming attorney, Jonathan Silverstein of the Boston-based firm Kopelman and Paige, P.C., sent a sharply worded letter\* rebuking the claims of KG Urban’s legal counsel.

Silverstein is one of the state’s leading gaming attorneys, having represented the City of Everett in its successful effort to host a Boston area casino, the Town of Plainville in its successful bid to host the state’s sole slot facility, and numerous other potential host and surrounding communities to proposed gaming establishments.

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell retained Silverstein to assist the City in pursuing gaming opportunities for New Bedford that meet the specific criteria established by the City earlier this year.

In his letter to the attorney representing KG, Mr. Silverstein calls the assertion that the city has not acted in good faith a “reckless and

wholly false accusation.”

The letter says that it is KG’s refusal to provide consultant funding that “demonstrates a lack of good faith.”

“While your letter\* blithely asserts your client’s subjective ‘belief’ that its project will ‘benefit the residents, businesses, finances and redevelopment of New Bedford,’ the City is not inclined to accept this self-serving claim without conducting reasonable due diligence and seeking out the impartial advice of qualitive professionals.”

The letter also points to other communities that have had various kinds of impact studies conducted, and that were paid for by the proposed developers.

“The notion that the City should state unequivocal support for a project of this magnitude without first understanding the positive and negative implications for the City is patently unrealistic and betrays a fundamental misunderstanding on your client’s part as to how the process has been designed to work in

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## Holiday Bazaar

Sat., 12/6, from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.  
**The Centre, United Methodist Church,**  
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## Support the Food Pantry

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# Planning Board approves 5 Form A's, including 3 for NSTAR

By Beth David  
Editor

It was Form A night at the Fairhaven Planning Board meeting on 11/18, when the board approved five Form A's including three for NSTAR at its properties on and around Thompson Street. A Form A splits a parcel into two or more lots. The board must approve if the frontage and access requirements are met. The meeting was not taped by the Government Access Channel.

Richard Barnes used the Form A to split his parcel at 214 Huttleston Avenue into three lots. The parcel already has the Walgreen's and the Frontera Restaurant on the property. The board recently approved plans for a medical building on the site.

Mr. Barnes explained that the Form A does not change any of the existing conditions on the property, it simply splits up the property so that each business is separate.

"It's for tax purposes," said Mr. Barnes. "If it's a separate lot, it's a separate tax bill."

He said the other option is to use the condominium model for the three businesses.

Discussion revolved around whether or not the requirements were met because the access to the property is on Narragansett Boulevard.

PB chairperson Wayne Hayward said he was not sure about granting a waiver under the 81R provision because of frontage and/or access.

The board went round and round for a bit about whether or not they could or should approve or reject the plan.

In the end, the board did not take a specific vote on the waiver, but did approve the Form A which notes the frontage situation.

Mr. Hayward also said he was concerned about the parking situation if the property is split into different lots.

Mr. Barnes explained that the shared parking arrangements would not change.

The board approved the Form A, with Kaisa Cripps opposed.

The board also approve a Form A for Philip DeNormandie's property on Shaw's Cove Road.

The new configuration will clear up some address and access issues with the property, that includes paper streets, wetlands and conservation

land.

"So basically, it's to clean up the titles so it can be conveyed?" asked Mr. Hayward.

Douglas Schneider, representing Mr. DeNormandie, said that was the purpose. He said three parcels will go to the state Department of Environmental Management; one parcel will stay with Mr. DeNormandie; and one will go to the Shaw's Cove Improvement Association. The remaining farm will have a conservation restriction on it. It is all part of a larger 400-acre project involving the Buzzards Bay Coalition, the towns of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett, and state and federal money, including Bouchard Oil Spill funds.

The board also met with Kenneth Conte, an attorney for NSTAR to approve three separate Form A's that will create six residential house lots.

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## The NSTAR Form A's create six residential house lots. All the lots meet the frontage and access requirements.

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All the lots meet the frontage and access requirements. The lots are on Thompson, Doane and Farmfield Streets. All lots meet the area requirements for buildable lots.

PB member Jeffrey Lucas recused himself from the vote because he is an abutter to some of the lots.

The three votes were approved, with Kaisa Cripps opposed.

The board also entered into a lengthy discussion about EJ's Deli & Restaurant. The facility opened about two months ago after getting an occupancy permit from the Building Department. Several items were not completed at the time and the board has discussed getting owner Cathy Melanson to finish up the project.

The issue has prompted discussion on possibly having the Planning Board sign off on all occupancy permits. The items not finished on the project include: three trees that were not planted in the front of the building; a tree that was moved in the back of the building; four parking spots that have not been striped; a driveway for a house adjacent to the

property, also owned by Ms. Melanson, that needs to be constructed to stop the resident from using up a parking spot at the restaurant; and a new plan for the front entrance.

Mr. Roth told the board that Ms. Melanson was waiting for quotes on the driveway; that the striping will be done as soon as possible; that he received the plans with the change to the front entrance; and that the landscaping will be done in the spring.

Some board members said the issues were not major and should not halt a project, and that the time frame was not unreasonable for a "punch list." Others, however, said they felt that Ms. Melanson was defying the board, especially since she had not attended a meeting to discuss the issues.

The larger discussion, however, centered around whether or not the board had any enforcement powers anyway. Mr. Hayward insisted the board had none and that it was a problem with the system and the bylaws.

Other board members asked why they could not simply draft a letter asking the Building Inspector, who is the enforcement officer, to enforce the conditions of the special permit.

Mr. Roth will draft a letter to be approved at the next meeting.

Ms. Melanson expressed dismay that the board believes she is being defiant and said in an email that all issues will be addressed soon, except for the planting which will have to wait for the spring.

The board also discussed the budget, with a bit of a verbal scuffle about the board's representative for SRPEDD (Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District) not submitting a request for reimbursement for mileage.

Mr. Hayward said he was afraid that the PB would lose the item in its budget. If the Finance Committee saw it was not being used, they would determine the PB did not need it.

Board Member Rene Fleurent, who is the SRPEDD representative, said he did not put in for the mileage because when he worked at a certain job, the meetings were on the way and he received mileage for his commute.

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Gift card and monetary donations may also be made to: Pacific Union Congregational Church, PO Box N206, Westport, MA 02790.

Please remember those in need of warmth this winter. Your used items can make a difference!

For more information visit <http://mlf.org/locations/new-bedford/>

## Turkey Trot Run

Our 5th Annual Fairhaven Turkey Trot for Health and Hunger 5K FUN RUN will take place on **Thanksgiving Day, Nov., 11/27, Starting at Nemaskeet Group, 56 Bridge St., Fairhaven at 8:00 AM (rain, snow, or shine).**

Since 2010, the Fairhaven Turkey Trot has raised over \$25,000 and collected hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food for local food pantries.

Adults: \$25 online and in-person. Youth (12 & under): \$10, online and in-person. T-shirts to first 500 ADULTS registered and all volunteers!

To Register: fairhaven.turkeytrot.com or active.com

After Trot Party sponsored by Rasputin's Tavern.

## Scouts Tree Sale

Troop and Pack 55 Fairhaven is holding its Annual Christmas tree fundraiser. **Starting the day after Thanksgiving** selling both wreaths and Christmas trees. The height of the trees range from 5-8 ft, prices vary, \$30-\$60 per tree depending on the height and fullness of each tree; \$10-\$15 per wreaths.

Located at **Mike and Wayne's on Rte. 6 in Fairhaven.** The Scouts will be selling Mon.-Fri. from 5-7:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Scouts and parents volunteer to help you choose a tree or help tie it to your car. 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. We have a total of 200 Christmas Trees consisting of 100 Balsam and 100 Frasier Firs and a total of 60 wreaths for sale this year. Come early and pick your tree, wreath or just walk through our selection.

## Free Movie Night

Library Movie Night: "The Naked Kiss" on Mon., 12/1, at 7:00 p.m., Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven. Use Walnut Street entrance. Accessible. Free.

*The Naked Kiss* (1964) The setup is pure pulp: A former prostitute (a crackerjack Constance Towers) relocates to a buttoned-down suburb, determined to fit in with mainstream society. But in the strange, hallucinatory territory of writer-director-producer Samuel Fuller, perverse secrets simmer beneath the wholesome surface. 1 hour, 30 minutes.

## FBA Food Drive

The Fairhaven Business Association, Inc. is holding a Food and Toy Drive. All participating FBA members will have the poster in their window indicating that they are a drop-off location. All food items are to be non-perishable and new un-wrapped toys.

Please help and share the holiday spirit with those in need. For more information contact Cathy Melanson, FBA President at 774-206-1132, or visit [fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com](http://fairhavenbusiness.blogspot.com)

## West Island Toys for Tots is back

### Dedicated to Matthew Rodriguez

Christmas is the time for giving, and Cathi and Bob Konicki are again working with the Marines and their Toys for Tots program. Last year's toy drive was such a success, that the Konickis decided to do it again, but this year the effort will be dedicated to Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez, the Fairhaven Marine who was killed in Afghanistan on Dec. 11, 2013.

Toys for Tots provides toys to kids who might not otherwise get any presents for Christmas

West Island is sponsoring a Toys for Tots gift drive. Your generous donation of a new toy or money to

purchase a new toy will be greatly appreciated.

**Please drop your toys or donation off by Dec. 13, at 151 Balsam Street,** the residence of Bob and Cathi Konicki, who have volunteered to assist the Marines in this worthy project.

## Save the Dates

### Lighting of Benoit Square

**Friday, 12/5, at 6:00 p.m. Benoit Square,** Main & Adams Streets, Fairhaven. The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will light the decorated square and welcome Santa Claus to North Fairhaven. Free.

### West Island Moonlight Walk

Come discover the "night life" during this free evening hike under the full moon at West Island State Reservation in Fairhaven. We'll walk through the forest to the scenic salt marsh to fully enjoy the splendor of the full moon's light. This free walk is open to explorers of all ages.

**Sat., 12/6, from 4:00-5:30 p.m., at Fir Street, West Island, Fairhaven.**

To RSVP, email [bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org) or call (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

This program is part of the Coalition's Bay Adventures series: programs designed for explorers of all ages to get outside and discover Buzzards Bay. To learn more about all our upcoming Bay Adventures, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/BayAdventures](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/BayAdventures).

### ALS Tree Sale

Douglass Tree Farm will be holding its annual **Christmas tree sale on Sat. & Sun., 12/6 & 7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** The proceeds of the sale will be divided equally between Compassionate Care ALS and SHARE, the Society for Human Advancement through Rehabilitative Engineering.

All proceeds from trees purchased will support these organizations that provide technology and assistance to help ALS patients and their caregivers live productively with ALS

All trees are \$40; choose the one you like and we will cut it or you can cut it yourself. There will be plenty of volunteers to help out.

Also, this year: live white spruce, 2-3 feet, that can be planted; \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

Visit the Facebook page, Douglass Family ALS Tree Sale, for more info.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Free Parking

In an effort to encourage everyone to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, the City is offering a special Holiday Parking Program. Through Thurs., 1/1/15, 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!

Anyone parked at a meter in either the Downtown or on Acushnet Avenue while doing holiday shopping who receives a ticket as a result of parking in excess of the 2-hour limit, may mail or present their ticket along with a copy of a sales receipt for \$10.00 or more from a Downtown or North End Business District restaurant/merchant to the City of New Bedford Traffic Commission Office. The parking ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the same day receipt. Call the Traffic Commission Office at (508) 961-3153.

The 2014 Holiday Parking Program is presented by the New Bedford Mayor's Office in partnership with Downtown New Bedford Inc., and the New Bedford Economic Development Council.

## Volunteers Needed

The 20th annual Dinner for the Needy will take place on Sun., 12/8, at the New Bedford Masonic Lodget Building. Volunteers are needed for setup starting at 8 a.m., through the end of the dinner at 2 p.m., and for cleanup. Contact Ed Gordon at 774-849-2214, or Louis de Melo at 508-514-0775.

## Book Launch

A definitive new biography of W. Starling Burgess, one of America's preeminent yacht designers, will be launched during a **Holiday Open House featuring author Llewellyn Howland III, Thurs., 12/4, from 6-8 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford.** Titled "No Ordinary Being: W. Starling Burgess, Inventor, Naval Architect, Aviation Pioneer, and Master of American Design," the 472-page book is being published by David R. Godine in association with the Old Dartmouth Historical Society

and Mystic Seaport. The evening will include an introduction and book signing with the author, Llewellyn Howland III. The event is free to the public but **RSVP is requested** by calling 508-997-0046, ext. 100 or at [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

The book will be available for purchase on December 4, 2014, but can be pre-ordered in advance. Copies can be purchased online at [store.whalingmuseum.org](http://store.whalingmuseum.org), by phone at 508-997-0046 x127, by email at [NBWMStore@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:NBWMStore@whalingmuseum.org), or at The White Whale store at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill in New Bedford.

## Small Business Sat.

The New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be a Neighborhood Champion, promoting the American Express "Shop Small" initiative on Small Business Saturday, November 29, 2014.

Small Business Saturday is a national initiative to encourage shoppers to support small businesses. Shoppers are encouraged to snap photographs at participating Small Business Saturday businesses, while shopping, for a chance to win a pair of Bruins tickets, courtesy of Webster Bank, American Express gift cards, and other great prizes! To enter the contest, simply email your photos to [events@newbedfordchamber.com](mailto:events@newbedfordchamber.com) and be sure to list where the photograph was taken. Winners will be randomly selected.

For more information, and a complete listing of participating businesses, please visit [www.newbedfordchamber.com/shop-small](http://www.newbedfordchamber.com/shop-small) or call 508-999-5231.

## Call for Readers

The New Bedford Whaling Museum's 19th Annual **Moby-Dick Marathon** is scheduled for January 2-4, 2015, and all those interested in reading are invited to contact the museum. Call 508-717-6851 or email: [mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org) to request a 7-10 minute reading slot. Be sure to provide your full name and preferred reading time as well as two alternate times.

**New this year!** Children ages eight and older are invited to read excerpts from the abridged version of Moby-Dick. The Children's Mini-Marathon

will take place on Saturday, January 3, from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, January 4, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The weekend includes three days of activities, including a ticketed buffet dinner and lecture.

The marathon attracts hundreds of readers and listeners from around the world. The reading begins at noon on Saturday, January 3 and finishes at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 4. Snow and cold will not stop this literary happening. Come at any time; leave at any time, or stay 25 hours and win a prize! Visit [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org).

## Save the Date

### Party With A Purpose

Annual Holly Jolly Christmas Party to benefit greater New Bedford area charities for children and families. Date: Thurs., 12/11 (snow date: Dec. 12), 5:30 pm. to 9 pm; Bar 908, 908 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA 02740 Cost: \$10.00 plus one unwrapped toy worth at least \$10 (gift cards also accepted). Complimentary buffet and music by DJ Lady K. For tickets: contact [buddy.zanzibar@gmail.com](mailto:buddy.zanzibar@gmail.com) or call Martha 5089976791.

## New Bedford Stroll

Downtown Holiday Stroll 2014, Saturday & Sunday, **December 6th & 7th, from 12 Noon-4 p.m., Downtown New Bedford.**

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Saturday features strolling carolers from the New Bedford Coral Society, official parade with the NBHS Marching Band and tree lighting ceremony on the library steps with a few new surprises. And while you're strolling and shopping, make sure to check out all the Holiday Windows and cast your vote for your favorites in the "Deck the Windows" contest!

For schedule, call 508.990.2777, or visit <http://downtownnb.org/holidaystroll.html>

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Open House

Residence of Cedar Dell, Dartmouth, to host Open House **Fri., 11/28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Take a break from shopping and stop by to see all the renovations to our Assisted Living community and Reflection Neighborhood that we have been busy working on! Discover a new, comfortable yet engaging lifestyle for yourself or a family member here at the Residence at Cedar Dell, **628 Old Westport Rd., Dartmouth MA; 508-636-0590.**

## Walk It Off Weekend

The Great, BIG "Walk it Off" Weekend Hike, **Fri, 11/28, from 10 am-12 pm at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Westport. For Adults. Members: \$6, Nonmembers: \$8.**

Thinking about that delectable Thanksgiving dinner? Mmmm... turkey and all the fixings and then that satisfying unsnap of the top button while you rest, post-feast...here's your chance at redemption! Join us to walk if off as we travel from the Field Station to our Stone Barn property and return, a total of approximately 6 miles!

When you're done, a plate of leftovers won't seem evil at all!

Hope to see you soon.

## Move to Amend

It is going to take a mass movement from the bottom up to make change and abolish corporate personhood. Move to Amend will give a presentation at UMass Dartmouth's Charlton College of Business Room 115, **Thurs., 12/4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and address the irrational idea that corporations have civil liberties.

For more information, please visit: <https://movetoamend.org/why-abolish-all-corporate-constitutional-rights>

## Giving Tuesday

For the third consecutive year, the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute are participating in #GivingTuesday ([givingtuesday.org](http://givingtuesday.org)).

Begun as a social movement, #GivingTuesday is a day dedicated to philanthropy and volunteering that takes place just after Black Friday and Cyber Monday as a way to give back and "do good" at the start of the traditional holiday shopping season.

Anyone interested in supporting the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber can visit [JimmyFund.org](http://JimmyFund.org) on December 2 to make a gift locally that will help conquer cancer globally.

For more information about the Jimmy Fund, visit [www.JimmyFund.org](http://www.JimmyFund.org). To learn more about Dana-Farber, please visit [www.Dana-Farber.org](http://www.Dana-Farber.org). On Twitter, #WeAreHope and #GivingTuesday.

## Clothing Drive

Girl Scout Troop 68116 is holding a Food and Winter Clothing Drive. on **Sat., 12/6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Acushnet Town Hall front steps.**

We are asking for hats, scarves, coats, mittens/gloves, socks, and non-perishable food items to help underprivileged people of all ages during this cold winter season.

We will provide what is gathered to local food pantries.

If you have any questions you can contact Debbie Rock at 508-984-5123.

## Lantern Light Tour

Mystic Seaport will open the 35th season of its Lantern Light Tours on Saturday, November 29.

A New England holiday tradition, Lantern Light Tours is a 70-minute progressive play that is set on Christmas Eve, 1876. Featuring actors from Connecticut and neighboring states, the cast weaves a heart-warming holiday story in the setting of the historic buildings and vessels of the Museum. The Lantern Light Tour plot is changed every year. **Performances begin Nov. 29.**

Purchase tickets at [www.mysticseaport.org/lanternlighttours](http://www.mysticseaport.org/lanternlighttours), or by calling 860.572.5331. Tickets are \$30 for adults (\$25 members) and \$23 for children ages 5-17 (\$18 for youth members). Not recommended for children under 4 years old.

## Holiday Social

Downcity Holiday Social every **Saturday between Thanksgiving & Christmas** at Aurora, 276 Westminster Street, Providence.

Fun things for the whole family such as Santa & Mrs. Claus posing with you for a complimentary Polaroid photo, a Letter to Santa table set up courtesy of Paperworks and access to the complimentary bagel bar with the purchase of a

seasonal drink from the Aurora bar.

Movies on the Block has curated a selection of holiday movie favorites that will be running during the day and there will be food vendors on hand to purchase a snack.

Visit <http://www.shopdowncity.com/news/archives/category/specials-and-offers>

## Habitat Auction

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity's (BBAHFH) 2nd Annual Gingerbread House Gala and Silent Auction will be **Thurs., 12/4, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street in Marion.** Start your holiday shopping while raising funds for local families in need.

Tickets are a donation of \$50 per person and are limited, so please **reserve your tickets by Dec. 1.** Children under 18 years of age may come to the event for a \$5 donation. Reserve tickets by email at [BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com](mailto:BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com), on our website, <http://www.buzzardsbayhabitat.org/>, or by calling (508)758-4517.

Visit [www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org](http://www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org).

## A Christmas Carol

Buzzards Play Productions is presenting the Christmas Classic *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens at 3065 Cranberry Highway Wareham, MA 02538; 508-591-3065; [buzardsplayprod@aol.com](mailto:buzzardsplayprod@aol.com); [http://buzzardsplayproductions.com/bpp\\_theatre/christmas\\_carol](http://buzzardsplayproductions.com/bpp_theatre/christmas_carol)

Traci Antil will be directing for the first time at Buzzards Play Productions and is excited to be bringing such a classic tale to the stage.

There is no better time than this season to look back on the past and look forward to the future. And there is no better story than Scrooge's to remind us just how precious time is."

**The ten show run will begin Thurs., 12/4 and end on 12/21. Tickets are \$15 for adults, children ten and under are \$10**

Buzzards Play Productions is a local non-profit theatre located in Wareham, MA. The theatre has been producing family friendly theatrical productions since 2011. In addition to theatre, the venue houses 3065 LIVE, a fully functional music venue which brings acts from all over the country

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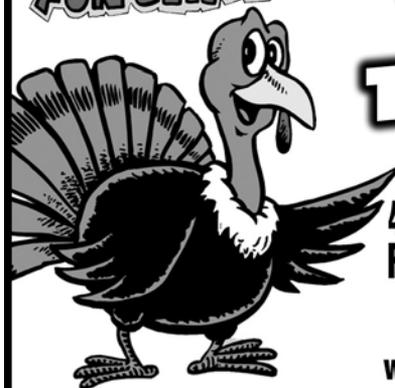
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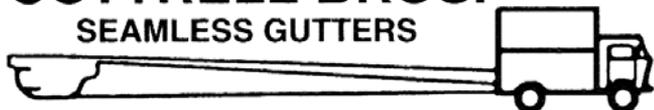
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# Recipe of the Week

## Classic Sweet Potato Casserole

- 4 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups cornflakes cereal, crushed
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

Preheat oven to 400°. Bake sweet potatoes at 400° for 1 hour or until tender. Let stand until cool to touch (about 20 minutes); peel and mash sweet potatoes. Reduce oven to 350°

Beat mashed sweet potatoes, granulated sugar, and next 5 ingredients at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Spoon potato mixture into a greased 11x7-inch baking dish.

Combine cornflakes cereal and next 3 ingredients in a small bowl. Sprinkle over casserole in diagonal rows 2 inches apart.

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Remove from oven; let stand 10 minutes. Sprinkle marshmallows in alternate rows between cornflake mixture; bake 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

*From MyRecipes.com*

# Police arrest two in vehicle breaks

*Fairhaven Police Dept. Press Release*  
Fairhaven Police arrested two suspects Tuesday night, 11/18, after they were caught breaking into unlocked motor vehicles. Eighteen-year-old Brandon Pimental of 12 Bridge Street, Fairhaven, was arrested

All three vehicles were unlocked at the time of the breaks ... Police are strongly urging people to remove all valuables from their vehicles and to properly lock them.

along with a 17-year-old juvenile by police in the area of Adams Street and Bellevue Avenue. Police were called to the scene just before 11 p.m.

A witness reported seeing Pimental entering an unlocked Dodge Caravan on Francis Street while the juvenile stood watch. Pimental walked away from the vehicle after being confronted by the witness, who provided a description of him to

police. Pimental and his accomplice were found a short time later walking on Adams Street by Officer Andrew Quintin.

The suspects were found to be in possession of loose change, tanning lotion and two pairs of headphones. Further investigation revealed the pair broke into two vehicles and admitted to breaking into a third vehicle on Castle Avenue.

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Pimental and his juvenile accomplice were charged with two counts of breaking into a motor vehicle, two counts of larceny under \$250 and disturbing the peace. Both were arraigned Wednesday morning in Third District Court. Police are strongly urging people to remove all valuables from their vehicles and to properly lock them.



Brandon Pimental (left), 18, and a 17-year-old were arrested and charged with breaking into vehicles in Fairhaven on Tuesday night, 11/18. The 17-year-old is considered a minor, so police have not released a name.

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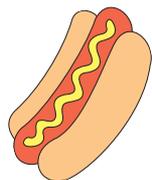
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# Shopping with the *Neighb News*

*A decidedly biased piece by*  
*Beth David*  
**Editor**

It's that time of year again, folks. Time to loosen the belt, buy a new pair of oversized sweatpants, hop in the car and go over-eat at your favorite (or not-so-favorite) relative's house. The craziness of the season, the fun, the stress, the everything...it has all begun. And now you have to buy gifts, whether you want to or not.

Fear not, loyal readers: 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. And don't forget to swing by **Diman Laundry** with those big comforters. Heck, take all your laundry there. You'll be busy shopping.

Speaking of mom and dad, maybe they are feeling a bit overwhelmed lately and wondering if they can move to a place that's easier to handle? No problem, check out **Atria Senior Living Group**. They might just love the idea of not having a big place of their own to take care of. Either way, you know they can use a beautiful handmade customized wreath from **Howland Greenhouses**.

Maybe they need a little more help than that? You just can't leave them alone while you shop? No problem. **The Oaks** offers respite care. Mom and dad will be in good hands while you shop till you drop.

Now that mom and dad are squared away, you'll want to take your pets to doggy daycare so you can be worry free as you shop. **Diamond in the Ruff** in Acushnet is the place for Fido. Not only will they pup-sit your small dog, they'll pamper the little guy, too.

Don't want to stray from the border? No problem, scoot out to **Peaceful Paws** in Fairhaven to pamper your pooch.

Still not enough for your best friend? Don't worry, try **Four Paws Up Bakery & Boutique** for special treats and toys for your pups. While you're

there to spoil your pet, be sure to hop next door to **Dreamland Arts & Crafts for Kids**. You can hang out there for a bit, to rest up before the next leg of your shopping trip.

Maybe mom and dad will go to and hang with the grandkids while you shop.

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 have a couple of choices for you. Pick the place closest to you: **Mac's Soda Bar** on the Neck, where you can also order any catering you may need for those holiday bashes. If you're not on

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the Neck, check out the **Phoenix** on Route 6.

They both serve a great breakfast, and they have gift certificates, too. So don't just feed yourself, check someone off your list.

Right about the time you're done with breakfast, the banks will be opening. We have a couple of choices for you.

On this side of the river, head to **Southern Mass. Credit Union**. They have the full spectrum of options available for you. They're as home-grown as it gets, too. Maybe you're strictly a New Bedford gal or guy? No problem, SMCU has an office in New Bedford, or you can visit **St. Anthony of New Bedford Credit Union**.

Check out their car loans, or buy a CD from them. Now *that's* a great gift!

Maybe you already have your money in hand and you want to get right to it? Start by going to **A&A**

**Auto** and get the car ready for the shopping trek, maybe make an appointment for someone on your list to get an oil change and some winterizing done. Better yet, wouldn't it be more fun to buy a car for someone? Who hasn't seen a Christmas commercial with a shiny car in it? I'll bet Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it for you.

Ah, America's love affair with the car meets Christmas shopping. And all right here in our little burg.

Maybe this economy has got you low on cash? How about rummaging around in the attic and the old jewelry cases? **Elegance in Gold** will buy that old jewelry and you'll have some cash for shopping. Or, they will fix that old stuff and make it look like new. (Can you say "re-gift"?)

Okay, now it's time to head to the center of town. Park the car and walk in the village. 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.

Partial to old and used stuff? No problem, head south to **This & That** and check out their antiques, used stuff and cool stuff.

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.

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.

After lunch, relax with a drink across the street at **American Legion Post 166**. Not only will you relax in a quiet atmosphere, you'll be supporting a hangout for local veterans, too. But don't get talking for too long, you're not done shopping.

Have some young kids to buy for? We've got you covered. And after all that food you'll all be eating in the next couple of weeks, you'll want the kids (and yourself) to burn off calories. Head on over to **Carousel**

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**Family Fun Center** for skating, and all kinds of fun. They do parties, too. Grab a gift certificate while you're there and mark your calendar for the warm weather when the miniature golf opens up.

Now, what to buy for that young couple who just bought their first house — a real fixer-upper. And in this economy, 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.

For electrical work, you'll want Nick from **Eric Sylvia or Wayne from Wayne Electric**. They're both able to work on that old wooden wonder. Don't forget the alarm system. That's a cool gift!

You'll want **Robert Furtado** to do just about everything else, 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.

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Okay, now they've got new cabinets, furniture, carpets. They'll need a good vacuum cleaner to keep it all looking good. Call **Handy Andy's** and they'll fix you up with something special.

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I'll bet those kids could use a tank of oil to keep that new house warm. Send **Luzo Fuel** over to fill it up. Now *that's* a gift!

Of course, an old house like that probably has a fireplace or a wood stove, too. 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 roof, 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.

Uh-oh, we almost forgot insurance! You've got to have insurance. And to get the right plan, you need an agent experienced with the local landscape. That would be **Vieira Insurance**, a family owned company right in Fairhaven.

Be sure to check out our classifieds section for a bunch of other stuff the kids might need.

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Have a bunch of kids and need one of those roomy booths and kids' fare? Then head to **EJ's Restaurant**. They have big steaks for the adults and mac 'n cheese and stuff like that, too. And they have free wifi so you can stay connected to the rest of the clan.

Prefer a pub atmosphere? Head on over to the **Ice House**. But you're not done yet, so take your computer or other gadget with you. They have wifi so you can check out your next stops.

Speaking of computers...Everyone can use an upgrade, but it's such a hassle to update and reconnect and....oh, no one likes it. Call Glenn at **Fairhaven Computer Repair**. He can fix you up with advice on what to buy and set it all up for you, too.

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 (ad in this issue).

Still have a few people on the list? Perhaps 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!

No one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but maybe you've been putting off updating that will? The Christmas movies are full of stories about people who didn't get around to it. 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 that you've been thinking of the grandparents and you're missing them. You visit the grave, but you just can't seem to find the time to maintain it the way you want. No problem, call **J&L Cemetery Plot & Maintenance Design**. They're experts.

While we're on sad subjects, did you kind of mess up the finances to the point of no return? And now it's Christmas and you're making it worse? Then contact **John Murray** to see if you can get out from under it all.

Now it's party time. First, you'll need a body tune-up at the chiropractor to get your back in shape. Call **Pine Grove Chiropractic** if you're in New Bedford, or **Fairhaven Chiropractic** on this side of the river.

And with all that running around, you never made an appointment with the hairdresser, did you? C'mon, you can admit here, we're among friends. And your hairdresser books appointments weeks in advance. Relax, we have a solution for you: Call **Procuts**. They take walk-ins and you can even get a coupon in this issue.

Now that your hair is done, you feel like you need a little more pampering for yourself. After all, you've just pampered a whole list of people. Call **Seaside Escape** for

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*\*Only Elementary schools have half days on Nov. 24th and 25th\*\**

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**Dec. 17:** Warwick Mall

**Dec.10:** Seekonk Plaza & Swansea Mall

**Dec. 22 (MONDAY):** South Shore

## Entertainment

Call Fairhaven COA for entertainment schedule: 508-979-4029

## Special Activities

### HOLIDAY PARTY TIME!

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vices, Inc., Thursday, 12/11, 9 a.m.-11  
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COA at 508-979-4029 to reserve your  
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### Sewing Circle

The sewing Circle group will meet  
on Dec. 8, from 1-3 p.m. Do you want  
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have a donut of course. Call the  
Senior Center for the next date.

### Holiday Closings

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half a day Dec. 24 & 31. Lunch will be  
served. The Center will be CLOSED  
on Dec. 25 & 26, and Jan. 1 & 2. If you  
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**Keynotes Coming to Atria,** Mon., 12/15, 2:30 p.m.: Join The Keynotes as they sing to our residents with all the happy holiday tunes. Enjoy refreshments and great company. RSVP.

**Jingle Bell Ball,** Tues., 12/16, 5-7 p.m.: Jingle, mix and mingle at the Jingle Bell Ball. Get in the spirit of the season with a holiday cocktail party. Enjoy festive music by Tom and Betty, delicious drinks and hors d'oeuvres. We look forward to spending this wonderful holiday with friends and family like you. RSVP by Dec. 5.



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## Seniors enjoy Chair Zumba at Acushnet COA



Kathleen Santos, RN, teaches a Chair Zumba class to women at the Acushnet Council on Aging on Friday, 11/21. The class was hosted by the Royal of Fairhaven for the "Lovely Ladies Learning to Eat Healthy," a dieting support group. *Photo submitted.*

## Acushnet to hold open house at Perry Hill Church



The Acushnet Historical Commission is holding an open house on Saturday, 12/13, at the Perry Hill Church, 39 Perry Hill Road, Acushnet. Not wheelchair accessible. Everyone is invited to see the work that has been done at the church and to see what still needs to be done to complete the renovation project. Everyone is encouraged to come and look at the fine work that has gone into this project. Refreshments will be served, Apple Cider, & Hot Chocolate, cookies and brownies. *Submitted photo.*

## CASINO: cont'd from page 4

Massachusetts *and how it has worked in every other potential host community,*" writes Mr. Silverstein.

He says in the letter that the refusal of KG to fund the studies, such as Springfield required, "demonstrates that [KG] does not view the City as a potential partner to deal with in good faith but rather as a subordinate, to whom it may dictate terms. Suffice it to say that the City disagrees with this view."

The letter also points out that KG will not name an operator of the casino and has refused to consider two alternate sites that the city has identified.

The Cannon Street site is at the former NSTAR power plant on the

waterfront, near the Fairfield Inn.

"KG's obstinacy is not only perplexing and unprecedented, it is also self-defeating," states the letter. "It is difficult to see how meaningful discussions can progress in light of your client's consistent refusal for over seven months to fund the City's retention of necessary consultants — a step that every single other gaming applicant in the Commonwealth has taken in working with potential host communities — or to identify its operating partner."

*\*Read Mr. Silverstein's letter and the letter from KG's attorney at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)*

## Clothing Drive

Girl Scout Troop 68116 is holding a Food and Winter Clothing Drive. on **Sat., 12/6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Acushnet Town Hall front steps.**

We are asking for hats, scarves, coats, mittens/gloves, socks, and non-perishable food items to help underprivileged people of all ages during this cold winter season.

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**SHOP: cont'd from page 13**

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Okay, back to the parties. No need to cook everything yourself. **Yiayia's Pizza Cafe** has special party platters just for the holidays. And they have gift certificates, too.

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There's my fantasy novel, *Zorena and the Medallion of Corandu*, (no, I haven't finished the sequel yet...I'm working on it!).

And then there's the one on my trip to Lebanon available for Kindles and Nooks. If you don't want to read my ramblings about my summer vacation, there are about 200 photos that make it worth the \$2.99.

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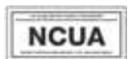


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## MOMS Club helps teen parents

### Press Release

The MOMS Club of Fairhaven recently completed a service project which benefitted the Parenting Teen Program in the New Bedford School System. The goal of the project was to assist and educate teen parents on how to create and sustain a consistent bedtime routine for their children.

To do this, the Club created 50 "Goodnight Bedtime Kits." These kits consisted of items to assist with bedtime routines including a lullaby music CD, book, washcloth, bath toy, toothbrush, and a Safe Bedtime Routine guideline card.

The Goodnight Bedtime Kits were compiled by the Club in September

and the items were donated on Wednesday, October 29 to the Parenting Teen Program school on Hillman Street in New Bedford.

Valerie Terrenzi and Andre Osborne from the MOMS Club of Fairhaven presented the donation to Denise Wilkinson, the school's Health Manager.

The idea for the project originated from one of the school's in-house day care assistants. This project was funded in part by the United Way of Greater New Bedford Community Building Mini-Grants Program.



Contents of the Goodnight Bedtime Kit:  
1 book,  
1 toothbrush,  
1 lullaby music CD, 2 bath toys,  
2 washcloths,  
1 laminated Bedtime Routine Tips card. The kits were donated by the MOMS Club of Fairhaven to the Parenting Teen Program in the New Bedford School System. Submitted Photo.

## Pie Daddy Contest caps food drive at Wood School

By Beth David  
Editor

Students at the LL Wood School in Fairhaven got their wish on Friday, 11/21, when they exceeded their food drive goal, which drove Principal Amy Hartley-Matteson to join the pie eating contest. Which much banter between principal and students leading up to the big event, the count went up and up, until they exceeded their goal of 2750 items. They reached 2845, and Ms. Hartley-Matteson had to keep her promise to join the men in the contest. This year's Pie Daddy contest had about 23 contestants, each representing a classroom. Most classes were represented by a father of a student in the class.

The good-natured boasting

included costumes, roars and cheers from the children: "In control enthusiasm," Ms. Hartley-Matteson called it. "Everybody has self control."

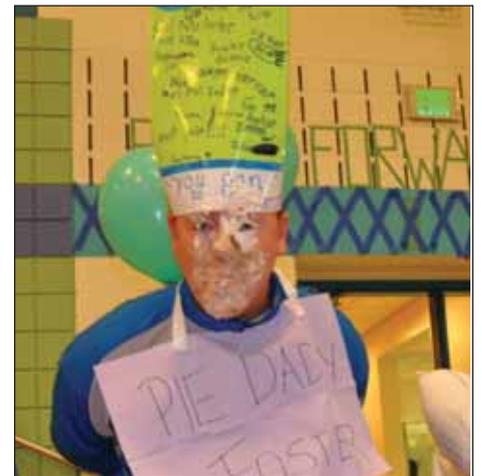
The children screamed and yelled, clapped and cheered, and then quieted down.

This year's finalists were Gus Pinto, representing Ms. Lamarre's fifth grade class, and cheered on by his son Colin. He lost his bid for title to Gary Means representing Ms. Arruda's kindergarten class, and cheered on by his daughter Kaylynn.

The school's initial goal was to collect 1750 items. They decided that if students collected 1,000 over the goal, that Ms. Hartley-Matteson would eat pie. In the end they

collected 1095 over the goal for the Shepherd's Pantry.

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TOP: Brendan Foster, representing first grade for his son Brice, comes up for a breath during the Wood School Pie Daddy contest on 11/21. LEFT: Runner-up Gus Pinto is encouraged by his son Colin. The Pintos came in second after Gary Means, encouraged by his daughter Kaylynn, RIGHT, won it all for Ms. Arruda's kindergarten class. Photos by Beth David. See them in color at [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com) Visit us at [www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews](http://www.Facebook.com/NeighbNews) to see more photos of this and other events.

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He said it would be "double dipping" and not ethical. His work situation has since changed, so he will be putting in for the mileage now.

Mr. Hayward, however, pressed the issue, saying that if they lost the line item, it would not be fair to the next person.

"It's just a yellow flag," said Mr. Hayward, purposely making the distinction from a "red flag."

"It's easily explainable," said Mr. Fleurent and the two went back and forth on whether or not Mr. Hayward knew of the situation.

Board member John Farrell asked for a lesson in how the budget process worked and asked why they could not simply ask the FinCom for the money when they need it.

Mr. Hayward, however, insisted that times had changed, and it would not be that easy since the mantra from FinCom is to cut the budget

"If you don't use it, you lose it," said Mr. Hayward.

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## Public Hearings/ Legal Notices

### Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Strategy

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:45 P.M. on December 1, 2014, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA to hear public comment on the Town's Community Development Strategy, including potential target areas for community development activities. Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard.

*Robert J. Espindola, Chairman  
Fairhaven Board of Selectmen*

### Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 08, 2014 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 Ronald Oliveira Location Charity Stevens Lane Plot 40 Lot 15 Purpose conduct perc tests within the NRB and within 100' of BVW.
- Request for Determination Applicant Lee Miguel Location North Street Plot 15 Lot 43 Purpose Install fence around perimeter of property, clear shrubs and invasive species and tress. Clean up dead plantings, invasive species and washed up miscellaneous debris in Saltmarsh, and install two storage containers. All within a Saltmarsh area and an AE flood zone
- Notice of Intent Applicant Brian Sylvia Location 12 Diamond Street Plot 29 Lot 48 Purpose construct single family dwelling within 100' buffer zone to BVW and within an AE flood zone.
- Request for Determination Applicant Peter Ryder location 94 Raymond Street Plot 29D Lot 84 Purpose construct rear deck within an AE flood zone.

*Jay Simmons Chairman,  
Fairhaven Conservation Commission*

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Health

Mon., 12/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Capital Planning Comm.

Tues., 12/2, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Community Preserv. Comm.

Thurs., 12/18, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Committee

Thurs., 11/20, Arsene St., 7 p.m.

### Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 11/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Personnel Board

Fri., 12/5, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Mon., 12/1, Town Hall, 6:45 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 12/10, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 12/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### TOWN MEETING

Tues., 12/9, Hastings Middle School

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Mon., 12/1, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Police Station Bldg. Comm.

Wed., 12/3, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 12/8, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

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Canal/Wing's Neck

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\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more



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## From our readers

### David W. McManus

**Nov. 29, 1960–Nov. 1, 2014**

We are so thankful to everyone who has sent prayers and wishes for David and our family. We will be having a private family prayer ceremony this Saturday, November 29, 2014, at 10:00. Please think of David during that time so we can all come together collectively as a group and make prayers on David's behalf.

Donations can be made in David's memory to: Market Ministries Shelter, 60 Eighth St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

*The Family of David McManus*

### Santa is helping to find a cure for Rett Syndrome



Michelle Lopes (center), seen here with her brother Matt (left) and her father Paul, suffers from Rett Syndrome, a neurological disorder with no treatment. Michelle's aunt is running in the Boston Marathon to raise money for research. *Submitted photo.*

Rett Syndrome is a neurological disorder that affects little girls almost exclusively. It is as prevalent as ALS, Cystic Fibrosis, and Huntington's disease.

You have a healthy beautiful baby girl. You hope for a bright future. She begins to smile, to reach for you and laugh. She begins to crawl and babble. Not a worry in the world. What will she be when she grows up? She may start to walk, all these milestones reached and we look hopeful to the future.

She is yours, she is perfect and you wonder what you ever did to deserve something so beautiful. The developmental delays begin and maybe for a few months she was walking, but now she is falling, and having trouble keeping balance and her hands, well they just won't stop moving.

She begins to reverse.

Rett Syndrome is a devastating disorder without a treatment or a cure. Depending on the severity on

onset of symptoms, as the disorder progress into the next stages that little girl may lose the ability to speak to you. She starts to have anxiety and breathing and heart problems. She may be unable to chew food, has severe acid reflux and develops scoliosis. She is in a wheelchair now. She has seizures and a feeding tube.

Rett Syndrome is a devastating disorder that wraps every horrible symptom imaginable into one little girl. There are many families that have that girl. That beautiful, perfect just as they are, fighting girl.

We have one of those and her name's Michelle Lopes. Michelle suffers from all of the above symptoms. She is sixteen years old. Rett Syndrome, though as prevalent as other disorders and diseases, is severely under-funded, and reliant on private donations, so that's why we need you.

Rett Syndrome has been reversed in mice and we are getting closer to a cure. Team Rett is running the Boston Marathon this upcoming April to raise money and fund promising new research to end Rett.

I am running in honor of Michelle. Our first fundraiser is **Sunday December 7 at the Seaport Inn and Marina**. Come with your children and see Santa, Mrs. Claus and his elves in an interactive presentation of classic stories, take pictures, and enjoy crafts and Christmas treats!

Or you can donate at [www.crowdrise.com/rettsyndrome/massboston2015/fundraiser/tara\\_oconnell1](http://www.crowdrise.com/rettsyndrome/massboston2015/fundraiser/tara_oconnell1) and see why I'm running to end Rett. Thank you!

*Tara O'Connell, Fairhaven*

### We can all be thankful

We all can be thankful. To whom and for what will vary for each of us during this Thanksgiving season. For me, there are a host of things that rise in value at this time of the year. Being grateful for my wife, our family, friends, our church, health, and finances may seem enough, but there's more. May I share with you a seemingly hidden treasure, yet the most precious of all?

My wife and I live in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Two years ago the Town celebrated its 200th birthday. At that time, in a serious piece and as a member of our Bicentennial Committee, I suggested calling us America's Fairhaven (originally Fair Haven), in order to distinguish us from the other fine Fairhavens in Connecticut, New

Jersey, Washington, Michigan or Vermont. A host of reasons were cited, but in the context of Thanksgiving, let me zoom in on just one.

If you attend the Thanksgiving Parade in Plymouth, MA their town defines and promotes itself as "America's Hometown." Under that premise lies the fact that it happens to be thirty miles (a healthy bike ride) from here and Fairhaven's "grandparent" settlement. A strong Christian and historical connection comes through Francis Cooke and his 13-year-old son John, who came here from England aboard the Mayflower in the early 1600s. Francis signed the Mayflower Compact and young John grew up and became one of the first, if not the first settlers and distinguished civic and moral leaders in our Old Dartmouth area and is buried in our Town of Fairhaven.

Fairhaven's connection with America's Hometown, Plymouth, via a Christian father and son relationship is the crowning evidence for calling us America's Fairhaven. That truth bears great weight as it relates to an even strengthened and more qualified Spiritual identity between our Towns.

The Bible that most of the original pilgrims referred to frames a far greater perspective to ponder and celebrate. Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." John 3:16 says, "That God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

It's our choice to believe or dismiss what the Bible says about God's ownership and redeeming action. If we choose to believe, then we "sign in our grateful heart" the Compact that never ends.

So friends, here's the rest of the story — We are two years older and the idea of calling our Town America's Fairhaven has yet to catch on. Who knows, maybe someday? In the meantime, wherever we reside, in America's Fair Haven or not, there is the final journey left for us to anticipate. For those of us who call ourselves modern day pilgrims, we're forever thankful that one day, after following Jesus Christ, we'll settle in Heaven, the Fairest Haven of all. Now that's a Happy Thanksgiving!

*Steven J. Bouley, Fairhaven*

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## DECEMBER 13 & 14

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### **Town Hall Shops**

*Booths by non-profit groups. Face painting.  
Drop-off for Toys and Food donations for the needy  
Town Hall, 40 Center St., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

#### **Brick Church Fair**

*Craft booths, baked goods, thrift shop & more  
Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

#### **Holiday Marketplace**

*Craft booths, holiday greens & more  
Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.*

#### **Unitarian Church Tours**

Unitarian Church, 102 Green St. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### **Wrapping Paper Making & Art Sale**

*Design and make unique wrapping paper  
Art on Center, 15 Center St., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

#### **Holiday Soup & Sandwich Luncheon**

Harrop Center, Center St., 11 a.m. -1:30 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 the Fairhaven Improvement Association.*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

#### **Old-Time Christmas Carol Sing**

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Pl., 1:00 p.m.

#### **Service of Lessons and Carols**

Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., 4:00 p.m.

The Old-Time Holiday Weekend is sponsored by Fairhaven non-profit and church groups and is coordinated 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 Fairhaven Visitors Center hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Visitors Center will not be open on Saturday, December 13, during the Old-Time Holiday.