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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher  
(with...you know who)

Okay, this is it: Let the Holidays begin.

First, it's Thanksgiving. With all the fixin's.

Then, into the stretch towards Christmas with a frenzy of gift-buying, party-going, and all other kinds of stuff. Then right through to New Year's, with the cold setting in and time to get all cozy by the fire.

In between there are other holidays, too. I'm sure Chanukah and Kwanzaa and a few others I don't know about will find their way into the mix for lots of people.

So get out there and enjoy it all It's only once a year.

Check out page three and the happenings pages on 5, 6 & 7 for all kinds of holiday stuff happening. We have tree lightings and park lightings and volunteer opportunities.

It's also time to show our advertisers how much we appreciate them. This week's cover story shows you just how you can fill out every item on your gift list with *Neighb News* advertisers. Be sure to tell them you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. See page 4 for the Selectboard meeting. Looks like the town has three live ones for the Town Administrator job. The Selectboard will be interviewing them next week if all goes as planned.

Meanwhile, Taylor Seafood actually knocked that old eyesore down.

Okay, now I can say it: I kind of liked that beat-up old building. Really, I did. It made entrance to our little island kind of funky. I know that's exactly what people hated about it. It's the entrance to West Island, it was a mess, it had junk all around that a gale would blow to high heaven.

But, it was kind of a cool looking old thing.

Ah well, they tell me that change is hard for old people.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I hope you have family to see (or run away from), good food to eat that you really should not eat, and some time to enjoy something that's just for you, like a walk on the beach, or a drive in the country, or second desserts, or third, or fourth. If you don't have family around, then I hope you can find some volunteering opportunities to keep you occupied.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my grandparents, the ones who left their homes to venture to a new land, a foreign land, a land with a language they didn't even understand.

You know they all came from Lebanon, right? The place that borders Syria, that actually used to BE Syria (until 1943...ish). They were, according to their passports, Syrian.

The distinction is like the difference between saying you are from Fall River or New Bedford. Means a lot to us, but not to anyone else.

I'm so happy certain politicians weren't around to keep them out back then. I'm so thankful that they were able to come here and work hard and start this wonderful clan that I'm part of.

I wonder what they would say about the attitude toward Syrians today? No matter. I'm also thankful that they are not here to see it.

Until next week then...see ya

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Volunteers needed to help decorate Benoit Square

You know you should not have that extra piece of pie or drumstick on Thanksgiving. But go ahead and enjoy because we have just the right exercise to work off those extra pounds!

On **Saturday, 11/28, at 8:00 a.m.**, we are meeting at the North Fairhaven Improvement Association

building to decorate Benoit Square and the Gazebo for the Christmas holidays.

Volunteers are greatly needed.

The more we have the quicker it will get done. Bring the kids and grandkids, they are all the motivation you need. They will love it!

Benoit Square is located where Adams Street and Main Street merge in North Fairhaven.

On Friday evening, December 4th you can all stand back and admire your work at the Annual Lighting.

Come and be part of NFIA's Christmas tradition!

## Save these dates

### Lighting of Benoit Square

**Friday, 12/4, at 6 p.m.**, Benoit Square, Main & Adams Streets. The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will light the decorated square and welcome Santa Claus to North Fairhaven. Free.

### Christmas Concert

**Friday, 12/4, at 7:00 p.m.** Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main Street. Any group, solo singers, or musicians who would like to participate, please call Kathy at 508-245-2792. Everyone is welcome. Donations accepted. Located right at Benoit Square after the lighting.

### Holiday Fine Craft Fair

**Saturday, 12/5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, Art on Center, 15 Center Street  
Fine crafts including: Jewelry, hand woven baskets, stained glass, textiles and more will be offered for sale. There will also be an awesome holiday raffle, and gift wrapping will be available. Art on Center is fully handicapped accessible with ample off street parking. Regular hours are Wednesday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 774-206-1709, email [info@artoncenter.org](mailto:info@artoncenter.org), or visit [www.artoncenter.org](http://www.artoncenter.org)

### Historical House Tour

**Sunday, 12/6, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Starts at Fairhaven Academy Building, 141 Main Street

The Fairhaven Historical Society presents a tour of six historical houses and four other buildings of interest. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at the Millicent Library or the Euro/Phoenix store. On the day of the tour, tickets are \$25 and available at the Academy Building where the tour brochure will be handed out.

*See pages 5, 6 & for more happenings in Fairhaven and surrounding communities.*



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This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy. The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week. Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit [www.shepherdsparntry.org](http://www.shepherdsparntry.org)




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All Mark Waters can think of is how awful it will be if there aren't any toys under the tree at Christmas. But with a little help from the Little People of Nikommo Island, Mark learns that there's more to Christmas than bicycles and board games.

Throw in an aging theatrical neighbor, a snooty know-it-all cousin and a little bit of island lore, and you're sure to put this little tale on your list of annual must-reads at Christmastide...or any time of year when you could use a little magic. Written for adults, but suitable for all ages. (Approx. 9,600 words; bedtime version, 2570 words.)

For links to all Beth David's books and stories visit [www.Zorena.com](http://www.Zorena.com)

# Selectboard to interview three for Town Administrator

By Beth David  
Editors

The Fairhaven Selectboard received a recommendation of three finalists from the Town Administrator sub-committee at the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 11/23.

The chosen candidate will become Fairhaven's first Town Administrator. The town is switching from an Executive Secretary model to the TA model.

TASC chairperson Mark Sylvia, who is also the town moderator, told the Selectboard that the TASC received 26 names from the Collins Center at UMass Boston, which conducted the search. The TASC interviewed seven applicants and unanimously recommended three for the Selectboard to consider: Gregory Enos, Michael McCue and Mark Rees.

Mr. Enos is the Assistant Town Administrator in Whitman, Mass., a town of about 14,500 near Brockton and East Bridgewater. It has an annual budget of approximately \$32 million.

Mr. McCue is the Town Administrator in Rochester. The rural town has a population of about 4,850 and an annual budget of approximately \$19.5 million.

Mr. Rees is the former City Manager of Portland, ME, a city with an elected mayor and a city council. It has a total budget of approximately \$322.5 million and a population of about 66,000 and is the largest city in Maine.

Mr. Sylvia thanked the board for giving them the "very important role and for entrusting us with this responsibility."

He said they worked very hard and were very thoughtful in their decision making process.

"We are very proud of our work," Mr. Sylvia told the board.

He said the committee took its task very seriously and that the Selectboard had chosen a good group of people.

Mr. Sylvia said that 26 people applied for the position and that the Collins Center screened that number down to 12. The Committee then chose to interview seven.

He told the Selectboard that the TASC voted unanimously on all three finalists and would feel comfortable

with any one of them being chosen.

TASC member Kevin McLaughlin told the board that it was now their turn to market the town to the candidates.

Mr. Sylvia encouraged the board to more than interview the three candidates. He said the board should show the town to the candidates and give them opportunities to "engage with people in the town."

Board member and Superintendent of Schools Rober Baldwin echoed the sentiment, but added a sense of urgency.

He said it would be "naive" to think that Fairhaven is the only community interested in the three candidates.

"It's a competitive world," said Dr.

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Baldwin. "And we need to compete."

Selectboard chairperson Geoffrey Haworth commended the TASC members, noting that he had no idea how many applicants there were, or who they were.

"I appreciate that. It keeps it fair," said Mr. Haworth. "It keeps politics out of it."

Selectboard member Charles Murphy agreed, saying that there was "no political aspect" to the process.

It was "just to get the best person for the job."

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said he was happy with the mix of the committee members, with various backgrounds. He said he was sure the three finalists would all "every good candidates."

The board hoped to schedule interviews with the three candidates

on Saturday, 12/5, at 9 a.m.

The board also held a continuation of the Spring Street Garage hearing on Monday.

Armed with new photographs, the board and town counsel Thomas Crotty agreed that most of the conditions were met, but still balked at the notion that all was taken care of.

The notorious Bookmobile reportedly has been removed, according to officials, and most of the junk cars were gone.

There was some disagreement on whether the remaining cars were junk, or actually fixable.

Attorney Joseph Michaud, speaking for owners Dick and Carol Dussault, said all cars on the lot would be repaired for sale.

Mr. Crotty and Mr. Haworth both expressed some concern over that being the case.

The larger issue, however, was the back taxes. The Dussaults owe in excess of \$62,000 and have a spotty record sticking to the payment plan.

Mr. Crotty continued to recommend that the Selectboard have a separate agreement with the Dussaults from the Tax Collector to enable the board to revoke the business license.

Mr. Michaud reiterated that Mr. Dussault had some health issues, but was now able to work at the business again and was anxious to get caught up with his tax bill.

"I just want to make sure they succeed," said Mr. Michaud, and asked the board to "exercise some discretion."

Mr. Haworth noted that the board was in the process of re-writing some of the language on licenses for all auto dealerships in town.

The discussion also touched on Mr. Dussault's renting of the garage, a point he disputed to the board. Mr. Haworth had a lease agreement in hand, however, to prove his point.

The upshot being that the board did not trust Mr. Dussault to keep his word and Mr. Michaud assuring the board that any misunderstandings were all due to Mr. Dussault's health issues.

He said it was a "shoestring operation" that required Mr.

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Volunteers Needed

Sat., 11/28. See page 3 for details.

## Nutcracker for Kids

The Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, presents *A Nutcracker Journey* with Kay Hanley Alden, a local dance teacher and choreographer, on **Wed., 12/9 at 10 a.m. in the downstairs auditorium.** The program is open to 3-5 year olds with siblings welcome, and is limited to 20 participants. Please sign up with Ms. Jane at 508-992-5342. Accessible.

## Christmas Trees

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 6-8 ft. Prices are from \$35-\$60; \$15 per wreath. Limited number, so get yours early.

At Mike & Wayne's, 163 Huttleston Ave. (Rte. 6) in Fairhaven. The scouts will be selling Monday through Friday from 5:00 PM to 7:30PM, Saturday & Sunday from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

Employees of Mike & Wayne's are gracious enough to collect money for the Scouts during the early hours on weekdays.

## Volunteers Needed

To help decorate Benoit Square on 11/28. See page 3 for details.

## Toys for Tots

The Fairhaven Firefighters Association Local 1555 is holding its first annual Toys for Tots Drive, **now until Dec. 13.** Drop off NEW, unwrapped toys only from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., any day, at the Fairhavn Fire Station, 146 Washington St.

**Picture Day with Santa: Sun., 12/13, from 1-4 p.m.** Bring a toy!

## SAVE THE DATES

### Christmas Tree Sale

On **Sat. & Sun., 12/5 & 6, from 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,** the Douglass family will be selling Christmas Trees from their farm located on Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven, MA. All trees, priced at \$40 each, are donated by the Douglasses so that all proceeds from trees purchased will support the ALS research.

## Fairhaven House Tour

On Dec. 6. See ad on page 11.

## Old Time Holiday

**Saturday, December 12** is the time to visit Fairhaven if you want to feel a sense of old-time holiday spirit as the town celebrates its 18th annual Old-Time Holiday. Holiday marketplaces and crafts fairs, luncheons and an old fashioned community sing-along are among the ways to enjoy the season of good cheer. For children, there are cookie decorating, craft making and face painting opportunities, and some chances for photographs with Santa or Father Christmas.

A full day of events from morning into early evening are scheduled in the historical town center.

See ad on page 28 for details.s

## Fine Craft Fair

**Fine Craft Fair, Sat., 12/5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,** featuring handcrafted stained glass giftware, jewelry, baskets, garden steppingstones, textiles and more, all created by local artisans. Shop for one-of-a-kind gifts sure to please your loved ones. And, gift wrapping is available on site.

**On Sun., 12/6,** Art On Center joins in the fun of Fairhaven's Olde Time Holiday Weekend with an Open House and ornament-crafting activities, from 12 noon to 4:30 PM. Join us for hot chocolate, cookies, and merriment!

Art On Center is located at 15 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA and is fully wheelchair accessible with plenty of off-street parking. For more information call 774-206-1709 or email [info@artoncenter.org](mailto:info@artoncenter.org). Art On Center is a federally approved 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

## Help Fire Victims

On November 12, a fire destroyed the home of one of an employee at Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven. She and her husband lost everything, including two of their pets. The Our Lady's Haven family is asking the community to help them get back on their feet by donating anything possible. Gift box tags with needed items are located around the table in the lobby. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

Call 508-999-4561 to ask what items are needed most or stop by and see what's left under the tree.

## Toy Drive, West Isl.

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

Please join us on Sat. Dec.12 from 2 p.m. at our home, 151 Balsam St., Fairhaven. Please bring a toy for the children on or before that date, or drop off at Mackatan General Store, 39 Causeway Road, West Island.

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

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

## Items Needed

Fairhaven High School class of 1976 will hold its 2nd annual Christmas Chinese Auction at the Old Time Holiday on 12/12 at Fairhaven Town hall. Our mission is to place an engraved memorial brick in place at the FHS Memorial Brick Park for each of the 36 classmates who have passed on; to maintain funding for all future classmates; to pave the way for the Class of '76 into the history of FHS.

Donations for the Christmas Auction will be greatly appreciated. Call John Sharples, 774-365-7968 for pickup.

Best Holiday wishes from the Class of 1976. May our footsteps never be swept away.

## Holiday Baskets

The Nemasket Group will not hold its annual bazaar, but will raffling off our Holiday Baskets to keep the spirit going and to meet the needs of the our longtime supporters with their holiday shopping. Featuring nine themed baskets filled with great items that will please the people who win or receive them. This year we have a basket that contains an Apple Watch, and another with a Fitbit Charge and Fitbit One that is guaranteed to make exercise a fun activity.

For tickets, visit The Nemasket Group, 56 Bridge St., Fairhaven, M-F from 10-4, or [www.NemasketGroup.org](http://www.NemasketGroup.org) or our Facebook page. We will also have a booth at the Old Time Holiday Fair in Fairhaven on 12/12.

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Regional Electric Mtg

Are you a resident or small business that signed a contract with a private third party to get a better deal on your electricity rate?

The City/Towns of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Acushnet, Marion and Mattapoisett invite you to join a regional educational forum to discuss your electricity supply options. This Educational Forum will help you determine if you are getting the best deal available.

**Wed., 12/2, from 6-7:30 p.m., New Bedford Whaling Museum, Cook Memorial Theater, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB.**

Municipal staff will also be available to answer questions about the new Community Electricity Aggregation Program that has brought together 22 surrounding communities to pool their purchasing power so that residents and small businesses currently with Eversource can enjoy lower electricity rates.

Please call New Bedford Energy Now (NBEN) at (508) 991-6193 with any questions.

## Bike Path F-R

Shop, socialize and support biking in South Coast **Sun., 11/29, at Cork Wine Bar, 90 Front Street, in New Bedford.**

This is a fundraiser that supports the Mattapoisett Bike Path. From 11:30 AM - closing Cork will donate 10% of the day's revenues to the bike path. It's also a way for the Friends to personally connect with and thank our supporters

So stop by to kick-off or finish up your early holiday shopping, or to begin or end your evening's entertainment at the "Z", or just join people who share your passion for bicycling and celebrate a great biking season. We look forward to meeting you there. The Friends hope everyone has a great holiday and we thank all our supporters who have made the Fall Fundraiser a success!

## Dance Troop F-R

Amazing, dynamic, spectacular... Master Illusionist Lyn Dillies, Parent's Choice and Merlin award winner, is America's premier female illusionist for an undeniable reason: Her captivating stage show is one for the

ages — all ages, in fact.

Infusing all the spectacle and flash of Vegas into an enchanting, family-friendly event, Lyn's spellbinding illusions put standing-room-only audiences on the edge of their seats and in the palm of her hand.

Don't miss this wonderful, affordable opportunity to witness **The Magic Of Lyn on Sat., 12/12, at 3 p.m. matinee and a 7 p.m. evening show in the beautiful Keith Middle School Auditorium, 225 Hathaway Blvd, New Bedford.** This show is to benefit The Supreme Perfectionists Competition Dance Team!

Tickets: General Admission, \$15; College Students with valid ID, \$12; Senior Citizens (65+), \$10; Children (ages 2-18), \$10; Military (with valid ID), \$10. Children under 2 that remain on a ticket holders lap, FREE

## Volunteers Needed

Help decorate Downtown New Bedford for the Holiday Stroll.

**Volunteers needed on Tues., 12/1 at 8:00 a.m. Join us in Custom House Square Park** to decorate the poles! Call the DNB, Inc. office, 508-990-2777, or e-mail: [dnb@downtownnb.org](mailto:dnb@downtownnb.org) if you can help out! The City will follow us and string the lights throughout the business district creating a festive atmosphere.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Tree & Park Lighting

- **Downtown Tree Lighting**, Sat., 12/5, at 4:30 p.m.
- **Clasky Common Lighting**, Sun, 12/6, at 5:00 p.m.

### Downtown Stroll

Downtown Holiday Stroll, Saturday & Sunday, December 5th & 6th, from 12 noon - 4 p.m., in various venues in Downtown New Bedford.

The historic district will be decorated with fresh laurel, red ribbons and white lights.

See Santa Claus at noon on Saturday, parade on William Street on Saturday evening, and entertainment from noon to 4 p.m.

Visit [http://www.downtownnb.org/HolidayStroll15\\_program.pdf](http://www.downtownnb.org/HolidayStroll15_program.pdf).

### House Tours

Sponsored by the New Bedford Preservation Society. Candlelight

Tour on 12/12 from 4-8 p.m.; Afternoon tour on 12/13 from 1-5 p.m. Pre-Tour Sunday Brunch on 12/13, from 11-1. Tickets: \$23 at door, \$19 online before 12/11. Call 508-997-6425 or visit [www.nbpreservationsociety.org](http://www.nbpreservationsociety.org)

## Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa on Sat., 12/5, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Holy Family-Holy Name School, 91 Summer St. NB.

Tickets: \$8, children; \$10, adults. Includes: delicious breakfast (pancakes, sausage, hot chocolate, juice, milk, and coffee), picture with Santa, face painting, Santa's Craft Area (for children in cafeteria)

Call 508-993-3547 for tickets!

## A Christmas Carol

On December 6 at 5 p.m. the city of New Bedford will enjoy a riveting solo performance of the classic holiday story *A Christmas Carol*, at the Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB. As part of the city's 2015 Holiday Stroll celebration, the play will top of the weekend-long celebration.

Tickets (\$20 adults/\$15 students; appropriate for ages 5+) can be purchased at the door, at [baycolonyshakespeare.org](http://baycolonyshakespeare.org), or by calling 866-811-4111. Discounts available, call 917-670-1184 for details. Visit [www.baycolonyshakespeare.org](http://www.baycolonyshakespeare.org).

## Socks for Vets

During this 2015 Holiday season The Law Office of Surprenant & Beneski, P.C. and the Wound Care Center at Vibra Hospital of SE Mass. are once again teaming up to hold a "Socks for Vets" sock drive. They will be collecting new socks for the Veteran's Transition House in New Bedford as a way of giving back to the community and saying "Thank You" to those who have sacrificed so selflessly for our nation.

**This campaign will run continuously until Dec. 31.** New Sock donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday (9-5) either at Surprenant and Beneski, P.C. 35 Arnold Street, New Bedford, or at the Wound Care Center at Vibra Hospital of SE Mass. (formally known as New Bedford Rehabilitation Hospital) 4499 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford. Thank you to everyone in advance for your support.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Elks Holiday Bazaar

Emblem Club's Holiday Bazaar at Wareham/New Bedford Lodge of Elks #73, 2855 Cranberry Hwy, East Wareham, on Sun., 11/29, from 9-3

Come by and do your holiday shopping!

## Tot Walks

Tot walks are walks specifically geared for preschool and younger children with their parents. During this hour-long adventure on the Lloyd Center's property, participants will search for animals and plants, sing songs, participate in nature activities and find items to observe and touch. Siblings are welcome on this exciting nature adventure.

**On Sat., 11/28, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Meet at the Lloyd Center's Bond Building, 430 Potomska Road, Dartmouth. Cos: \$5 per child for members, \$6 for non-members. Space is limited to 20.** All ages are welcome although the program is tailored for 3-5 year olds. (Adult must accompany children.)

For more information, call the Lloyd Center Event Line 508-558-2918 or visit [www.lloydcenter.org](http://www.lloydcenter.org). Contact Jen Wimmer, Lloyd Center Outreach Specialist at [jen@lloydcenter.org](mailto:jen@lloydcenter.org) or 508-990-0505 ext. 14.

## CD Release Concert

*Christmas Love*, the fourth in a series of sound recordings produced by Fairhaven pianist Matt Richard, has been released. This GoFundMe project was sponsored by over 100 partners with all proceeds from the recording benefiting Olancho Aid Westport, a volunteer group who assist the incredible work being done in Honduras by Father Dick Donahue and his staff.

A CD release concert will take place on **Sat., 11/28, at the church of St. John The Baptist, 945 Main Road in Westport. Tickets are \$10** and are available through the church office (508-636-2251) All ticket sales will also benefit Olancho Aid Westport.

The *Christmas Love* CD is a unique collection of classical holiday music featuring musicians from the SE Mass. area.

CDs are available for \$15 purchase at the church office and A.S. Deams and Beautiful Things in Westport and

at <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/christmaslove> For more information about the recording please visit <http://christmaslovelyrics.blogspot.com> and for more information about Olancho Aid please visit <https://www.olanchoid.org>

## Author Event

No one is promised tomorrow... so what if something happened to you? Are you ready?

All ages are encouraged to join "What If...Workbook" author, Gwen Morgan, as she discusses her comprehensive, easy-to-use guide to get all your affairs in order. Discussion includes, but is not limited to: Keep Track of Financial Data, Burial vs. Cremation, What Kind of Service (if any), Caring for Pets, Considering Special Gifts or Gratuities to Loved Ones, How Do You Want to Be Remembered, and so much more.....

**Wed., 12/2, from 6-7 p.m., at Mattapoisett Council on Aging, 17 Barstow St. (enter by separate entrance at Center School). FREE.**

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Visit [www.OceanStateTheatre.org](http://www.OceanStateTheatre.org) for details on special events, performance times, etc.

The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Tickets are **\$39 for preview performances and \$39-\$59 for all other performances.** Call (401) 921-1777 x112. to order.

## Christmas Tea

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NO Tickets sold at the door, please call in advance, Cathy, 508- 991- 5533. Adults: \$10, Children 7 and under \$7

## At La Salette Shrine Festival of Lights

As this weekend approaches we are all anticipating the great "HOME" holiday of Thanksgiving. Students and teachers are looking forward to a shorter school week, families are planning the big Thanksgiving Feast (or travel.) Soup Kitchens across the country are preparing the turkeys already. Of course there is the High School Football Game Tradition on Thanksgiving morning. All this to celebrate and give thanks for the many gifts we have been given. **Here at La Salette, after the 10 AM Thanksgiving morning Mass, and our community's dinner, we'll be heading out to switch on the lights with Major Dumas.** We are looking forward to seeing many of you during our Festival of Lights. For the latest information on the lights, find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/lasalettechristmaslights/>

The Christmas lights at La Salette Shrine will be on from 5 pm to 9 p.m. every night through Jan. 3. The Shrine is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park St, Attleboro, MA 02703; 508-222-5410

## Toys for Tots

Members of the Massachusetts State Police and United States Marine Corps Reserve urge the public to support Toys for Tots through donations of toys or money.

Donors are asked to give new, unwrapped, non-violent toys, designed for either boys or girls, ages newborn to 14. As in years past, toys can be dropped off at **any State Police Barracks through Wed., 12/16.**

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation can mail a check made out to Toys for Tots MA and mail it to MSP Toys for Tots Coordinator, 124 Acton Street Maynard MA 01754 or they may visit the program's website at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

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# Town not picking up leaves this year: Use them for compost

*Submitted*

With the town of Fairhaven not picking up leaves curbside this fall, this is the year to compost your own leaves.

The simplest method is to rake

your leaves into a pile in an unused corner of your yard; or create a container with four pallets or a circle of chicken wire.

Then just dump in your leaves and you will have amazing, rich soil for

your garden next spring.

Instead of raking leaves, run over them with your lawn mower, catching them in a grass catcher attachment; or cut in a spiral and create a heap of shredded leaves in the center of your lawn.

These will break down very fast in your compost pile or bin.

Another option is to toss kitchen waste — carrot peelings, egg shells, coffee grounds, apple cores, etc. — into the pile.

PS: Don't forget to drain your rain barrel and turn it upside down before the water freezes, expands and cracks your barrel.

*Lisa Elliott, member of the Fairhaven Community Garden Committee*



The town of Fairhaven is not picking up leaves at curbside this year. Compositing leaves turns your yard and kitchen waste into rich soil for your garden. LEFT: Here is one option for composting leaves. Various types and sizes of compost bins are also available from a variety of different retail outlets. To learn more about composting at home, visit <http://www2.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home> Photo courtesy of Lisa Elliott.

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## Recipes of the Week

### Home made cranberry sauce

- 1 pound fresh cranberries, washed and dried
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 orange, zested and juiced

In a medium pot, combine the cranberries, sugar and water. Stir to blend. Bring the mixture to a boil over medium heat. Reduce to a simmer and add the cinnamon stick, allspice and nutmeg.

Stir to blend and simmer for an additional 5 to 7 minutes. Some of the cranberries will burst and some will remain whole. Add the orange juice and zest, stir and allow to cool before serving.

*Recipe courtesy of Alex Guarnaschelli, from [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)*

### Glazed Carrots

- 5 medium carrots, peeled
- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon togarashi\* or cayenne if desired
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 cup chopped parsley

Cut the carrots in thirds crosswise. Then cut each piece lengthwise into halves or fourths, depending on the width of the carrots. This should create spears that have at least one flat side.

Add the oil to a cast-iron skillet and heat over medium heat. When the oil is hot, place the carrots in the oil cut-sides down and cook without turning until tender, about 6 minutes. The cut sides will be very, very dark. Some may even call it burnt. Don't worry, it'll taste great!

Add the honey, togarashi and

1/4 cup of water to the skillet and stir up all the carrots.

Cook, stirring constantly, until most of the water has cooked off and the carrots are coated.

Season with salt and pepper. Top with the chopped parsley. (This will add a fresh flavor and it looks really pretty.)

Serve right away to your impressed and amazed friends!

\*Togarashi is a chile pepper spice blend available in specialty markets and some supermarkets.

*Recipe courtesy of Damaris Phillips from <http://www.foodnetwork.com>*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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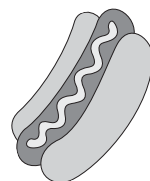
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# Acushnet to hold annual lighting and sing-a-long

Acushnet Fire and Police Associations will be hosting their annual Christmas Display Lighting and Sing-A-Long on **Sunday, December 6 at 6:30 at the Acushnet Fire Station on Russell St.**

Come join the Ford Middle School Chorus in singing Christmas carols while awaiting the arrival of Santa.

This year's festivities will include a few special guest appearances singing with us.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served upon Santa's arrival.

## Toys for Tots

We are asking that you bring an unwrapped toy as we will be collecting for Toys for Tots until December 20.



The grounds of the Acushnet Fire Station on Russell Street is all lit up with Santa's Workshop in last year's display. This year's lighting will be on 12/6 and will feature the Ford Middle School chorus leading a sing-a-long, the real Santa Claus, and free hot chocolate and cookies. *Neigh News file photo from 2014.*

# Acushnet Firefighters train in building scheduled to be razed



*Photos and text from Acushnet Fire & EMS Facebook page.*

Acushnet residents are the best! Thanks to a very gracious resident, the Fire & EMS Department is spending a great deal of time honing our skills in an empty house [on Middle Road]. A new home has been built and the old home is slated for demolition. Until then we have been given the opportunity to train, train and train some more.

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## Anniversary Bash

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Santa will be making an appearance at 12 to 1 p.m. so bring your camera. Our staff will be doing face painting and holiday craft! Saturday, 12/5, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Youth Basketball

Fairhaven Recreation Youth Basketball League Registration: Nov. 7th & 14th from 8AM-2PM Cost:\$10. Age is determined as of December 1, 2015. Divisions will be as follows with sufficient numbers;

Pee Wee (Co-Ed) Ages 6-8

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### Attention!!!

Calling all basketball enthusiasts! We are looking for motivated, committed individuals to volunteer as basketball coaches for this league. We are also in need of officials for the league, pay is roughly \$15 per game. For more information and to fill out a volunteer application please call or stop by the Recreation Center during league registration hours

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This 3-day program is a great opportunity to make new friends while participating in fun group activities such as pillo polo, floor hockey, dodge ball, cooperative games, flag football, arts & crafts, etc. Kids will need to bring their own lunch for the first 2 days of the program. The last day is a pizza lunch. Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school, K-5, Dec 28, 29 & 30. Drop off 8 a.m., pick up by 3 p.m. Cost: \$75/Member; \$100/Non Member

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SENIORS, Could you benefit from free groceries each month? If you are a Fairhaven resident, 60 years old or older, have MA Health or receive SNAP benefits, you may qualify to receive free non perishable healthy groceries provided by Commodity Supplemental Food Program. The two bags of groceries will be delivered to the Fairhaven Senior Center where you will be able to pick them up. Verification of identity, age, residence and income will be required upon applying. If you are interested in applying or finding out more about this program call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029, and ask for Anne Silvia.

### SHINE Open Enrollment

During Medicare Open Enrollment from Oct.15 to Dec. 7 you will be able to change your plan for next year. If

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### South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

Thurs., Dec. 10th, 9:30 -11:30 a .m. Rosa Farizo will be at the Senior Center to answer your questions concerning, Social Security Benefits, Subsidized housing, Public Housing, SNAP, Nursing Home related programs. This is by appointment only. Please call 508-979-4029. Funded in part by Coastline Elderly Services to provide free legal assistance to seniors age 60 and over.

### PACE Fuel Assistance

PACE Fuel Assistance & Recertification Form, The Fuel assistance program starts in November for the 2015-2016 season. If you received fuel assistance last year you should have already received renewal in the mail to be filled out. If you need help filling out the recertification form or a new application for fuel assistance call the Senior Center at 508-979-4029 for a appointment.

## Ongoing Programs

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# Shopping with the *Neighb News*

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

It's the most wonderful time of the year. 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. On this side of the river, you'll find **Clean Right Cleaning Solutions** to get the home or office ready for guests.

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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.

Maybe mom and dad are just fine, but not into cooking much these days? You've noticed that there are lots of canned stuff and they suddenly discuss Campbell Soup products as though they are gourmet meals?

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Is your little guy (or big guy) not the traveling type? You'd rather have someone go to your place and let him out to do...er, his business? We've got you covered. Just call Denise at **Denise's Pet Service**. She'll take your little guy out so you won't have any little gifts under the couch when you return from shopping. Is your little guy a cat? No problem, Denise has it all under control.

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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 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!

Strictly a downtown person? No problem. Head to St. Anne Credit Union on Union Street in the heart of downtown New Bedford.

Looking for the 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 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.

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.

Have some young kids to buy for? We've got the perfect solution. 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 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 it's time to take care of 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 Eric from **Eric Sylvia**. He can do it all, big or small.

Maybe the old place should have an alarm, huh? Yeah, I thought so. It'll

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take years to get it in shape, so meanwhile, must protect all the gadgets. Call **Wayne Electric**. They do alarms, and 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.

Do the kids need new floors? Can't decide on wood, carpet or tile? Then look no further than **Tile Craft**. The family owned business will take their time with you. No rush. Get it right.

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.

For exterior work, you'll want **Marc Gadbois**, whether it's time to replace the siding, windows, roofing, or fix what's there.

Even if the house doesn't need all that stuff, you know it needs yard work. All houses need yard work. Call **Carlos Landscaping** for everything from grass cutting to mulching.

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!

While we're on utilities, be sure they check out **MASS CEA** for the latest deal in the neighborhood. They wouldn't want to be the only house on the block not in on the deal.

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.

Now it's time for dinner. In the mood for something exotic? Then head over to **Sivalai Thai**. Looking for good hearty fare that's affordable and quick, then you'll want **Seaport Inn Grill** for a great variety of foods, in a location that's prime for heading in any direction.

And if you have any out of town guests hinting around about the holidays, take a walk to the other side of the building and see what's available.

Have a bunch of kids and need one of those roomy booths and kids' fare? Then head to **EJ's Restaurant**. They

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What's Christmas without a heartwarming and fun tale? Snuggle up with a good story about Christmas magic on a small island.

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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), and ask what the **Fairhaven Historical Society** is up to lately.

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!

Have a college student to buy for? Well, you might think this is crazy, but my favorite gift to college kids is pepperspray (I know, huh?). But, no matter, if you'd rather they buy clothes and stuff, they can get both from **Mike & Wayne's**. You can get embroidered stuff there, too. So, maybe a clever little saying on a shirt or hat so your college-bound adventurer won't forget where she (or he) came from? Sounds good to me. And they have gift certificates, too.

Maybe the problem with your college student isn't that he or she won't come back. Maybe the problem is WHO she (or he) brings back with her. Well, this is the age of the computer, y'know (why does that sound so old-fashioned?).

Call **Ted Silva Investigations** and get a quick and confidential background check on the scary rude guy or, worse yet, the too-polite, scrub-faced nice-guy (or gal).

Maybe you're not always looking to buy new stuff. Maybe, as you hunt through your attic and shed and garage and basement, you find a bunch of stuff that you just know those kids can use (either the newlyweds or the college kids).

Like what?

Like that old knife set you never got sharpened. You don't want to throw them away because they were good set in their day. Take them to the **Sharpening Shop** to make them like new.

Maybe you found some old jewelry alongside of grandma's knives? What a few good old pieces you've got there: One earring, half a pin, some sort of charm you're not really sure about. Call **Caroline Percy Marcoux**. She'll take those old pieces and fix 'em up, or fix up a whole new pieces using the scraps you found. You'll be

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amazed at what she can do with that stuff.

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.

Still have a couple of puzzlers to buy for? How about some lottery tickets, scratch tickets, and such? (By "and such" I mean wine, yes, I mean wine). Go to **Mackatan General Store** on West Island. They're new, so maybe they'll bring you some good luck. And the wine selection is made to order for that eclectic West Island crowd. You're bound to find something.

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

Think maybe you overdid it a tad more than a back crack? Well, visit **Drs. Express Urgent Care** and get checked out.

Now you're ready for the part scene.

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. **Yiayia's Pizza Cafe** has special party platters just for the holidays. And they have gift certificates, too.

As for desserts, well, look no farther than **Emma Jean's**. They have chocolates, candies, pies, and candies, and pies and chocolates, and pies (did I mention pies?). What better gift than chocolate for the person who has everything. Oh, and, did we mention that they sell wine, too? Have them make up a basket for you. No one's going to send you away

if you walk up with a basket full of chocolate and wine from Emma Jean's.

Have some people who prefer to make their own chocolates? Maybe they make all kinds of cool baked stuff with Santa Claus and elves and candy canes. Well, then they'll need some stuff from **Chocolate Works**. They have molds for cookies, cakes and chocolates. Mmm...nothing like home-made.

Okay, now you're done...you think, maybe...you hope, because you're pretty much out of cash. Maybe you're kind of hungry again, too? Head to the **Ebb Tide**. You'll get \$1 drafts and on Thursdays you can get free hot dogs. Now, do you feel welcome or what? You can hang out and brag about how you're done with

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Let's see, boats, houses, jewelry, pepperspray, wine and dessert, what did we forget? Oh, right, houses and apartments. You know what happens: People come "home" for the holidays and they think, shoot...why did I ever leave? Call **Howe Allen Real Estate** and they'll find the perfect house or apartment for your prodigal relatives.

Looking for yourself, well Howe can help you with that, too. And so can **Sherry Lopes from Alferes Realty**.

Okay, now you really ARE done. Time to sit with a drink and some friendly faces, with some music in the

background, a game on the flat screen, and some bar munchies in front of you. That's the **Bayside Lounge** calling you by name. You're sure to find someone there you can brag to about getting so much shopping done.

Oh, no. I almost forgot.

What's Christmas without a heart-warming and fun tale? Snuggle up with a good story about Christmas magic on a small island. If you have a Nook or Kindle, you can get my short story, *Who Makes the Magic?* with a shorter, bedtime version for younger children.

Just visit the *Neighb News* website for a link, or visit [www.zorena.com](http://www.zorena.com) for info on all my fiction and travel pieces.

There's my fantasy novel, *Zorena and the Medallion of s*, (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.

Be sure to keep an eye on my Nook and Amazon author pages because I've been working on some other Christmas stories that I hope will be ready for a Christmas-Eve-read.

Prefer a mystery? How about three mysteries? Check out **Clement Beaulieu's newest book, *Two by Each***. And grab a copy of his other two books while you're at it. Get two of each: One for you to read, one to give as a gift. Christmas is for giving, sure, but there's no law that says you can't give to yourself, too!

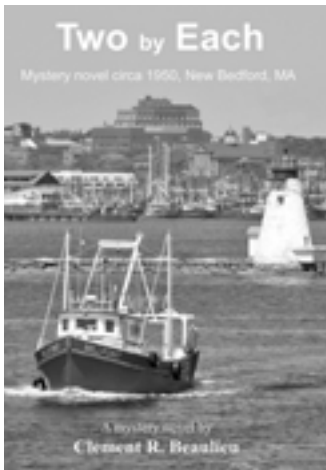
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# Family of seven escapes fire in Fairhaven, two dogs do not

*Fairhaven Fire Dept. Press Release*

A fast moving fire destroyed the home at 26 Elizabeth Street in Fairhaven early on Tuesday morning, 11/24. The fire was reported at 1:34 a.m. when the occupants of the home heard the smoke alarms sounding and found the home filling with smoke.

Two Engines, a ladder truck and an ambulance were dispatched to the scene. When firefighters arrived they found heavy smoke and flames coming from the residence.

All seven members of the family escaped the home without injury, but two of the family dogs perished in the fire and were removed from the scene by the Fairhaven Animal Control Officer. The home is owned and occupied by Kevin and Debra McMullen.

Units were on scene until 6:30 a.m. as investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office helped Fairhaven Officials sift through the debris to find a cause of the blaze which remains under investigation.

According to Wayne Oliveira, Public Information Officer for the Fairhaven Fire Department, damage is estimated at over \$250,000 and the

home is uninhabitable.

Fairhaven Firefighters were assisted by Mutual Aid from both

Mattapoisett and New Bedford Firefighters who assisted at the scene and also covered Fairhaven's Station.



Fairhaven firefighters fight a blaze at 26 Elizabeth Street at about 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 11/24. The family of seven escaped, but two family dogs died in the fire. The home is owned by Debra and Kevin McMullen. Cause of the fire had not been determined by press time. *Fairhaven Fire Department photo.*

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## Snow Parking Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 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.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

*By Order of: Fairhaven Board of Public Works*

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Candidates may request nomination papers until 5 p.m. on Thursday, 2/11. Papers must be returned with the require signatures by February 16.

Papers for town-wide office require 50 certified signatures. Papers for town meeting members require 10 certified signatures from your precinct only. There are many vacancies for town meeting members.

Offices to be voted on are: Town Clerk, Eileen Lowney, incumbent; Selectboard, Geoffrey Haworth, incumbent; School Committee, Stasia Powers and Bernard Roderick, incumbents; Board of Health, Peter DeTerra, incumbent; Commissioner of Trust Funds, Barbara Acksen, incumbent; Board of Public Works, Michael Ristuccia, incumbent; Planning Board, Jeffrey Lucas and Ann Richard, incumbents; Housing Authority, vacant.

Town Meeting is looking to fill: Prec. 1, 24 members for 3 years, and one member for 2 years; Prec. 2, 24 members for 3 years and two for 1 year; Prec. 3, 23 members for 3 years, 1 member for 2 years, and 10 members for 1 year; Prec. 4, 25 members for 3 years; Prec. 5, 23 members for 3 years; Prec. 6, 24 mebers for 3 years.

For more information, contact the Town Clerk at 508-979-4025, Ext. 3.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/30, Arsene St., 6: p.m.

### Capital Planning Comm

Wed., 12/2, Town Hall, 2 p.m.

### CDBG neighborhood forum

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

### CDBG Public Hearing

Tues., 12/8, Town Hall, 7:20 p.m.

At Selectboard meeting

### Community Preserv. Comm.

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

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/30, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Dog Park Committee

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

### Historical Commission

Wed., 12/2, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

### Planning Board

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

### School Committee

Wed., 12/16, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Thurs., 12/3, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

To discuss Oxford School Proposals

## Acushnet Meetings

### Cultural Council

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

### Library Board of Trustees

Tues., 12/1, Library lower level, 3:30

### Selectboard

Mon., 11/30, Town Hall, 4 p.m..

### Board of Appeals

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

## TIDE TABLE

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

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Friday	4	0207	1427	0950	2012		
Saturday	5	0300	1523	1048	2056		
Sunday	6	0358	1622	1133	2141		

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
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Dussault's presence to be successful. Resident Al Benac voiced his frustration with the whole process, saying that Mr. Dussault has never done what everyone else in town does, including the taxes.

"He won't live long enough to pay off," the taxes, said Mr. Benac.

He said the town should kick out the Dussaults and a "reputable" business there.

"It's time to close this shop down, sell the place, and move out," said Mr. Benac. "This has been going on for years...As far as I'm concerned, he has over-extended his welcome in Fairhaven."

The board continued the hearing.

In another matter, the board heard from Todd Stressinger, a managing member of West Island LLC, which has invested in Taylor Cultured Seafood.

At its last meeting, the board insisted that the company tear down the building at 53 Goulart Memorial Drive\* or post a \$50,000 bond.

The board had ordered Rodman Taylor, owner of Taylor Cultured

Seafood, to secure and repair the building last year. The board gave Mr. Taylor a deadline of 11/1/15 to deal with the building, long considered an eyesore and a safety hazard.

At the last meeting, however, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Stressinger presented plans to build an oyster hatchery at the site.

A room full of neighbors complained that Mr. Taylor had continued to ignore the problem.

The board gave the owners two weeks to either knock down the building or post the bond.

To the stated surprise of those present, Mr. Stressinger reported that the building had been razed.

He said the Conservation Commission and building department had worked with him to get it done.

Crews worked through the weekend, in the rain, finishing on Sunday.

"It has been completely demolished," Mr. Stressinger told the board.

Mr. Murphy said that Mr. Stressinger had done in two weeks,

what has been going on for five years.

He said, however, that many people would be keeping an eye on Mr. Taylor's activities at the site, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the neighbors.

Mr. Haworth and Mr. Espindola both agreed that they were satisfied with the result.

Mr. Stressinger said that the company would now begin the permitting process "in earnest," to get the oyster hatchery built.

The board voted that the conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding had been met. There was some confusion as to whether the license to operate the aquaculture farm had been approved with the MOU as a condition, or if the approval was contingent upon the MOU being satisfied.

In any case, the license will be renewed until June 30, 2017.

*\*Editor's Note: Editor/Publisher Beth David has a beneficial interest in the Cottage Realty Trust, which abuts the Taylor Seafood property on Goulart Memorial Drive.*



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## From our readers

### NFIA urges residents to attend meeting on Oxford

The upcoming Selectboard meeting on December 3 will likely be the last opportunity for public comment and questions on proposals to develop the properties at the Oxford and Rogers schools.

At that meeting or at a later date, the Selectboard will vote to put one of the two development proposals for Oxford School before town meeting in May, or vote not to endorse either plan.

The Selectboard's decision will significantly affect life in North Fairhaven for many decades to come.

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association strongly urges all interested members of the community to attend the Selectboard meeting at Town Hall on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm.

*Bob Cormier, president, North Fairhaven Improvement Association*

### Oyster project presentation coming up

A proposal for an oyster restoration project in Little Bay, Fairhaven, planned by the Fairhaven Harbor-master and Shellfish Department and The Nature Conservancy, will be presented to the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen at their [regular] meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday,

December 8.

The project, similar to one implemented in Little Bay in June 2015, would involve creation of oyster habitat by placing aged clam shell on the sea floor and then seeding the site with hatchery-produced oysters.

The project will be entirely sub-tidal and is intended to improve water quality, enhance habitat, and support the Fairhaven oyster fishery.

Upon completion, the project site will be managed by the Fairhaven Shellfish Department.

Anyone interested in learning about or commenting on the project is urged to attend the meeting.

For more information, contact Nature Conservancy ecologist Matt Pelikan at (508) 693-6287, ext. 11.

*Matthew Pelikan  
The Nature Conservancy*

### Save Our Sidewalks

It was a small seaport town on the coast when a young man named Henry Huttleston Rogers set out to seek his fortune, only to return and want to give back to the town he loved.

His first gift was the Rogers School. In less than ten years he presented the Millicent Library and the Town Hall, also the Unitarian church. All three buildings have a specially designed brick sidewalk.

The people of Fairhaven have been blessed by a man who loved his home town. Fairhaven means a lot to me and I cannot stand it being ruined brick by brick by our elected leaders who do not care for our historical heritage. We are told it is all right not to follow the law of the Secretary of the Interior's standards, especially Rule #2: "The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved."

The proposal for the next town to narrow the sidewalk from eight feet to six feet, the library block of William and Walnut streets has been submitted.

A key contradiction exists between the town attorney, he states, it is a historic district, and the architectural firm quote, they are not governed by the Secretary of Interior.

It is illegal to use CPC money in violation of the SOI Rule #2.

I ask the [Fairhaven] Selectmen to withdraw their request and resubmit to CPA a new request to conform with the SOI standards and save our sidewalks.

*Al Benac, Fairhaven; Town Art Curator*

### Disappointed that Parade was Cancelled

As a concerned citizen and resident of Fairhaven, I would like to

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## Public Hearings/Legal Notices

### FAIRHAVEN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at **6:30 P.M. on December 8, 2015**, in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearings will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications. 1) **Special Permit**, the applicant, *Shelley Moniz, The Executive Dog, Inc.*, is requesting approval to renew the Special Permit granted in 2005 to operate a Doggie Daycare. The location is *105 Sconitic Neck Road*, Map 28, Lot 14K. 2) The applicant, *the Fairhaven Planning Board*, is proposing to amend Chapter 198, Section 16, 25, 27 and 33. The purpose of the amendment is to make Motor Vehicle and Boat sales, rental and service subject to a Special Permit. In addition new definitions are proposed to be added. 3) The applicant, *the Fairhaven Planning Board*, is proposing to amend Chapter 198, Section 29- Special Permits. The purpose of the amendment is to add Section G, which would allow the Planning Board to require Security for Special Permits.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9.

*Wayne Hayward, Chairman of the Planning Board*

### Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s):

#### NEW HEARING

1. Petitioner: Tony Martins, RE: 24 Brookview Street, Plot 31, Lot 117; Book 10688 and Page 14; 198-23 - B-4 - Home Occupation - Special Permit required for Building Trades as Home Occupation.

*Peter DeTerra, Chairman*

### Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing FY 16 Community Development Block Grant Application

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 7:20 P.M. on December 8, 2015, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to take in Public input on the Town's intention to apply to DHCD for up to \$900,000 for activities such as Street Infrastructure Improvements, Social Service Support, Housing Authority Improvement Projects and Housing Rehabilitation Program within the Anthony School Neighborhood Target Area. If you are interested in improvements within your neighborhood, you are urged to attend the hearing. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at the Fairhaven Town Hall, [broth@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:broth@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior

notice to the Planning Department.

*Geoffrey A. Haworth, Chair, Board of Selectmen*

### Town of Fairhaven Notice of Neighborhood Forum FY 16 Community Development Block Grant Application

Town of Fairhaven will hold a Neighborhood Forum at 6:30 P.M. on December 2, 2015, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the meeting is to take in Public input on the Town's intention to apply to DHCD for up to \$900,000 for activities such as Housing Rehabilitation Program, Social Service Support, possible Housing Authority moderation projects and the reconstruction of Plymouth Avenue between Adams Street and Green Street within the Anthony School Neighborhood Target Area. If you are interested in improvements within your neighborhood, you are urged to attend the forum, where the Town will be available to answer questions. The Town will also be taking applications for the current housing rehab program. The rehab program is on a first come first serve basis. Those unable to attend the forum may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at the Fairhaven Town Hall, [broth@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:broth@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Planning Department.

*William D. Roth, Jr., Director  
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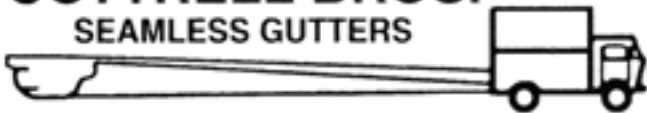
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# Millicent Library Refurbishes Its Community Auditorium

## Press Release

Carolyn Longworth, the Director of Fairhaven's Millicent Library, has a wish list, and new chairs and tables for the community auditorium were at the top. The existing rickety metal chairs and warped tables had certainly seen better days.

"The Friends of the Millicent Library, an all-volunteer group, made my wish come true" said Carolyn. "They rose to the challenge and developed a memorable fund-raising opportunity to buy new meeting tables and more comfortable upholstered chairs."

They designed a program that encouraged library lovers to make their presence felt by purchasing a plaque for \$50.00.

Martha Berg, president of the Friends said, "This project engaged the imagination of the community and the outpouring of support was overwhelming."

It also showcased the reach of the library's patrons who responded from across the country and as far away as Chile.

"Indeed, upon opening the stacks of mail that arrived daily I was struck by so many dedications that sparked meaningful connections to the library and the town. They were thoughtful and thought-provoking," Berg said, "Clever, fun-loving, loyal, esoteric, sentimental, appreciative and poignant — all the diverse characteristics that make up the connective tissue of Fairhaven and make the town special."

Some memorialized their ancestors or recently deceased loved ones while others celebrated living family and friends. Many gifts were made anonymously with sentiments that held special meaning for the donors, and yet, also reached out and intrigued all who read them. And who

could ignore the obvious mystery lover who simply submitted, "WHODUNIT?"

One of the biggest responses came from members of the Fairhaven High School Alumni known for their camaraderie and generosity in giving back to Fairhaven: "The PALS, FHS 1973 — Friends Forever — Differences Accepted," encapsulated their solidarity.

Soon the goal of 100 plaques was met and the project evolved from chairs to plaques for tables. The plaques rearranged themselves into categories like "Civic Leaders" and "Businesses," to Fairhaven's "Authors and Artists" and found a new home around the tables' rim, making room for more chairs plaques to be sold.

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club celebrated their 100th year with a plaque. The Lions Club and Historical Society are represented, as are the many champions of Fairhaven's storied history. More quietly, a weekend resident sent his gratitude. Someone fondly remembered their childhood with, "Growing up, the Millicent Library was our second home."

More than a hundred years has passed since the death of Henry Huttleston Rogers, who built the library and gave it to the town, and still the respect and admiration for him and his family lives on unabated.

One donor anonymously bought four plaques each one saying "In appreciation of Henry Huttleston Rogers." Another wrote to Rogers' daughter Millicent, who died in 1890 and for whom the library is named, saying, "A Big Thanks, Dear Millicent." Reaching back to the library's opening dedication in 1893, a plaque honored Rogers' dear friend, Mark Twain, with Twain's proclamation quote, "It is the ideal library."

The Poulsen family was one of the

first to respond by purchasing 16 plaques memorializing their family. But their enthusiasm for the project went well beyond the plaques when they sent a huge binder detailing their entire family history and genealogical charts. This amazing work, a labor of love and dedicated research, will be prominently displayed on the Poulsen table for the occasion.

Delano descendants bought 23 plaques with 10 purchased by the Delano Kindred, a family society. Its president, Muriel Cushing, said they wished to honor the family progenitor, Philippe De Lanoy and each of his nine children.

Philippe was one of the 34 colonists who purchased Dartmouth from the Wampanoag in 1652. His son, Jonathan Delano settled in what is now Fairhaven in 1678. Jonathan's line produced mariners, merchant traders, whalers, authors, astronauts and two United States Presidents: Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Ulysses S. Grant.

Current day Delano descendants learned about the effort through their Millicent lifetime memberships.

"It's comforting to think that the Delanos of past generations through to the present day will be united in Fairhaven at the Delano table," Cushing said.

Longworth said, "The community auditorium is already a vibrant meeting space and it is available for new groups. Now, it will be a more comfortable and distinctively more interesting space thanks to our Friends."

Everyone can enjoy the Millicent community auditorium — you have a place at the table so take your seat.

As one welcoming plaque dedication says, "This chair was selected for a special person ... YOU!"

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say that I am deeply disappointed that the Veterans Day parade was cancelled.

While I respect that it was cancelled due to the weather, I can't accept that it wasn't held on the followig Saturday.

I don't think that we should have to be reminded that we owe a deep debt

of gratitude to the veterans who have fought and died for us.

When I look around at the world events and the rise and ascendancy of radical Islam with its intent to impose its strict code of sharia law on us, where there are two choices, either submit or die. Together with its stated intent to eradicate Israel and

kill Americans.

It's only because of the veterans who have fought and died for us that we can enjoy the freedoms we have.

I say it's a sorry state of affairs and reflects on our town when we cancel a parade that is set aside to honor and respect them.

*John Pond, Fairhaven*

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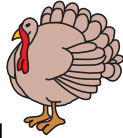
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Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **Holiday Marketplace**

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

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### **Lobster Roll Luncheon**

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