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

## Fairhaven falls to Dartmouth on Thanksgiving



Fairhaven High School fell to Dartmouth High School 24-0 in the annual matchup in Fairhaven on Thanksgiving Day 11/26. FHS held off DHS in the first quarter, but fell behind after that. FHS wasn't able to get on the scoreboard, but the smaller squad did not give up for one second making the home crowd proud despite the disappointing score. TOP LEFT: Fairhaven High School's Noah Furtado (R) can't escape the clutches of Dartmouth High School's Nate Demello (L) as FHS struggled to get on the board in the Thanksgiving Day game on 11/26 at FHS. TOP RIGHT: FHS's Tyler Mello (#7) stops DHS's Chris Martin (#28) during the annual faceoff on Thanksgiving day, 11/26, at Fairhaven High School. ABOVE LEFT: John Bulgar (R) makes a run for it with Tyler Mello defending. ABOVE RIGHT: FHS's Tyler Mello, stops DHS's Luke Clarke, after Clarke intercepts a Fairhaven pass in the last play of the game, eliminating any chance of FHS getting on the board. *Photos by Beth David.*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



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

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! So what better thing to do than go to New York City? There's so much to see in the Big City, especially this time of year.

See page 12 for a few pictures and a couple of ideas on what to do for a day trip. It's a long day, to be sure, but it's do-able and makes for a fun diversion.

In addition to the various windows that are decorated at a bunch of the big stores, there's ice skating at Rockefeller Center and Bryant Park, and there's Times Square. Times Square is, well...Times Square. You can catch a show at half price, or just sit and watch the people.

We've got lots of Christmas-y stuff going on in these parts, though, for those of you who don't want to spend eight hours on a bus.

Downtown New Bedford has plenty of city-type stuff going on (see page 8), including a Downtown Stroll and tree lightings throughout the city. Oh, and a parade, too.

In Fairhaven and Acushnet, you'll also find lightings and sing-alongs and plenty of opportunities to see Santa Claus.

Next weekend is Fairhaven's big Old Time Holiday weekend, so we've given you a preview THIS week (see page 3), so you can be all prepared and plan your days.

And don't forget to get your tree. There are several opportunities to get trees in these parts, and they help good causes, too.

And while you're shopping for your list of people, throw in an extra toy or two for the Toys for Tots groups and other nonprofits that give gifts to those who may not have the money to buy their own.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and we can all help him get the job done.

See pages 5, 8 and 9, for opportunities to volunteer, donate, and enjoy the season. You don't have to go out and buy anything, either. Gifts to Give in Acushnet has put out a special call for gently used children's clothes, especially winter stuff. So dig into your old boxes in the attic and send it in. See page 9 for details on how to get it to them.

And, please don't forget the food pantry at this time of overindulgence. While we completely blow every diet known to the human race, there are some among us who can't afford to buy even the basics. The food pantries all see an increase in people asking for food this time of year, so add them to your list of things to spend on.

We have lots of other stuff between the covers, of course, so thumb through and check it all out. Be sure to notice who our advertisers are and let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

And, try to be patient, folks. We're all in this together. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year: hectic, stressful, joyous, crazy, a time to be zany, a time to be thoughtful, a time to be profound, a time to reflect. And try to remember that spending and buying are just part of the fun, not the point of it all.

So, sit back, grab a warm drink and some popcorn, put your favorite holiday show on, whether sappy and sad, or magical and funny, and enjoy the ride.

Until next week then...See ya,

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Annual tree sale this weekend to benefit ALS research

*Press Release*

Dick and Vivian Douglass of Fairhaven, together with their family and friends, will continue their unique approach to fighting a family member's diagnosis of ALS, a fatal neurodegenerative disease, commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

This Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Douglasses will be selling Christmas Trees from their farm located on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven.

All trees — priced at \$40 each — are donated by the Douglasses so that all proceeds from trees purchased will support the ALS Therapy Development Institute, a nonprofit biotech in Cambridge, Mass., focused 100 percent on ALS research.

This is the 15th year the Douglasses have donated trees for ALS research, raising over \$250,000 to date for the cause.

This year in addition to the traditional Christmas tree, the Douglasses are offering live white spruce table trees for \$30 each that can serve as the foundation of a

holiday decoration for the home, office, or child's bedroom and then be planted for future growth. These are between 2-3 feet tall and will be wrapped in burlap. This offering is prompted in part by the large number of children that request a tree of their own, as well as the young families that desire a live tree and by those with limited space.

The annual Christmas tree sale has become quite a tradition for families near and far and involves local support from the community. Some buy trees yearly, while others donate their time to volunteer with the Douglasses — including the Old Rochester/Fairhaven boys hockey team, who will help to cut trees and help secure them to cars on Sunday.

All volunteers generously donate their time to help the Douglasses raise funds for ALS research.

The ALS Therapy Development Institute and its scientists actively discover and develop treatments for ALS. The Institute is the world's first and largest nonprofit biotech focused 100 percent on ALS research. Led by ALS patients and their families, the



charity understands the urgent need to slow and stop this horrible disease. The Institute has served as one of the leaders in sharing data and information with academic and ALS research organizations, patients and their families.

Come and join the Douglass family in this important effort as they raise funds to find a cure for ALS!

To learn more about the ALS Therapy Development Institute, visit [www.als.net](http://www.als.net)

For more about the Douglass Tree sale, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Douglass-Family-ALS-Tree-Sale-228142277365873/>.

# Old Time Holiday offers old-time holiday spirit

*Press Release*

**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.

Friends of the **Millicent Library** will be celebrating the new chairs and tables they provided for the library

auditorium while offering children the chance to make some holiday crafts. Use the handicap accessible entrance on Walnut Street **between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** **The dedication of the chairs will take place at 9:00 a.m.** Children's crafting and light refreshments will follow. Free.

Step back in time at **Holiday Marketplace** which will take place at the beautiful, gothic **Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street**. Local artists and crafters will set up display booths offering a unique collection of holiday goods. Baked goods and holiday greens will also be available. Saint Nicholas will be on hand, too, to greet visitors. Admission is free. It runs from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, during which time the

sanctuary of this magnificent English gothic style "cathedral" will be open for **guided tours**.

The Unitarian Church will also hold a **soup and sandwich luncheon** at its Harrop Center building on Center Street from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hot soup, chowder and a variety of sandwiches will be available.

The English Tudor style **Our Lady's Haven**, 75 Center Street, built originally as the Tabitha Inn by Henry H. Rogers in 1905, will open its lobby to visitors from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** There they will be treated to Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. **Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** to meet children and pose for photos. Sponsored by the Diocesan Health Facilities

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# Planning Board to hold hearings on 2 proposed bylaw changes

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board is holding two public hearings at its next meeting on Tuesday, 12/8, at 6:30 p.m.

For the last few months, the board has been working on changes to Chapter 198, Section 16, 25, 27 & 33 governing motor vehicle and boat sales and service stations throughout Fairhaven.

Discussion over the last few months revolved around the problems caused by neighborhood used car dealerships and repair garages spilling over into the streets.

The board wants all service stations and auto dealerships to be required to get a special permit from the Planning Board in addition to its license from the Selectboard. The measure would allow the PB to create

a site plan for each business.

The board also is proposing to amend Chapter 198, Section 29, to give the board authority to require a security for all special permit projects.

Board members have been lamenting the lack of enforcement options they have when a project has an occupancy permit, but still has a few "punch-list" items left to finish. ●●●

## Appeals board approves four

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals approved four petitions at their last two meetings.

Three petitioners got the go-ahead for their projects at the November 3 meeting.

Karyn Ferreira received a variance to place a garage at 13 Jeannette Street. The variance is required because the accessory building is actually in the front yard, which is prohibited by the bylaws.

Because of the odd layout of the lot, however, board members approved the proposal.

In another hearing, Jack Fournier received a variance to re-construct a deck at his property on 25 Waybridge Road, which brings the overall building coverage over the 15% maximum, requiring the variance. Mr. Fournier plans to restore the house on the property in the spring.

Darwin Holdings, 167 Huttleston Ave., received a variance to construct a 50'x70' foot building. The construction brings the total lot coverage over the 25% allowed in a commercial district, requiring the variance.

David Beckham of Schneider and Associates, speaking for the petitioner, told the board that Mr. Miller intends to use the building to store his boats, which are currently on the property.

Two abutters from Temple Place attended the meeting to express their concerns that the business would be working on boats "at all hours."

Resident Frank Sniezek said it was "woods" when they moved there in 1998.

"All our privacy was taken away," he said about the loss of the trees.

ZBA chairperson Peter DeTerra asked if a buffer zone of trees would satisfy the couple.

If there's "no activity at night," said Kristen Bettencourt, she would have no problem with it.

Mr. Beckham said that the large building would actually help provide privacy from the existing building. The new building will be corrugated metal with no windows.

Mr. Sniezek acknowledged that he would no longer have to look at Papa Gino's, but he would have to look at the big building.

Mr. Miller said he had no problem putting a row of arborvitae trees as a buffer.

"This will be a nice, very quite use of the property," said Mr. Miller, noting that he just wanted to get his own boats inside for the winter and will not be commercially storing boats.

Building Inspector Wayne Fostin, however, noted that the property is in a business zone, so "he can do what he wants," with the building.

The board approved the proposal with the condition that the owner plant a buffer of arborvitae.

On December 1, the board heard from Tony Martins, who asked for a special permit to run his painting business out of his house at 24 Brookview Street.

Mr. Martins told the board that he has off-site storage, and would be using the address as an office.

Abutters Carol and Richard Dussault spoke against the proposal, with Ms. Dussault telling the board that Hamlet Homes is "residential and beautiful," and she and her husband were worried about the condition of the property if the use was allowed.

They said they were worried about big trucks, such as backhoes, piles of lumber, sawdust and noise.

Ms. Dussault also made a point of noting that the house was a duplex with one side rented, that there were two sheds on the property, and that

he had a commercial dumpster.

She said Fairhaven has a "wonderful" trash system.

Board members, however, noted that many private homes use commercial dumpsters because the new system limits households to one trash barrel.

"A lot of people are doing that now," said Mr. DeTerra.

Mr. Dussault said that Mr. Martins had a "commercial trailer" behind his shed.

"He doesn't have to see it, but we do," said Mr. Dussault. "It's not a personal trailer."

"It's a four-by-eight ATV trailer," countered Mr. Martins.

Mr. DeTerra said any resident in town would be allowed a normal-sized box van and a small trailer.

Mr. Dussault asked Mr. Martins to clarify that no customers would be going to the house.

"Since 1993, I've never had one person come to my house," said Mr. Martins.

He said he goes to the job, creates an estimate, and sends it by email. He said his kitchen counter was his office.

Board member Rene Fleurent and Mr. DeTerra assured the Dussaults that the large trucks, sawdust, stacks of lumber, and noisy construction equipment and activity are all prohibited under the special permit for a "Building Trades as Home Occupation."

The bylaw is very specific, said Mr. Fleurent.

"It's online. It's very clear," he said, adding that if Mr. Martins does not abide by the bylaw, "he loses his permit."

Board members also outlined the restrictions of the special permit and encouraged Mr. Martins to read the whole bylaw.

The board approved the permit.

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## AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

### Benoit Sq. Lighting

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.

### 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, or visit www.artoncenter.org

### Hist. House Tour

Sunday, 12/6, from 1 to 4 p.m. See ad on page 11 for details.

### Christmas Tree Sale

To benefit ALS Research. See page 3.

### 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.

### Fill The Bus w/Toys

The Fairhaven Police Department will be partnering with Safezones.org to sponsor the 5th Annual Safe Zones Fill the Bus Toy Drive. Please join us by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy **at the Fairhaven Police Station Sat., 12/12, from 10am until 4pm.**

Our goal is to "Fill the Bus" with plenty of toys to distribute to needy families throughout our community in time for the Christmas holiday. Toys for children of all ages are needed. Although the "Fill the Bus Toy Drive" will be held December 12th, toys can still be dropped off at the Fairhaven Police Department from now **until Christmas Eve.**

We are asking for toys for children of all ages to brighten the Christmas holiday for less fortunate children in our community. All contributions are welcome and will be greatly appreciated. The members of the Fairhaven Police Department and the Volunteers at Safezones.org would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season and extend our best wishes for a wonderful New Year.

### Bird Walk

Join the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Paskamansett Bird Club for a morning walk on **Sun., 12/13, from 8-10 a.m. to look and listen for birds along Shaw Farm Trail**, which connects the bike path with Nasketucket Bay State Reservation in Mattapoisett. We'll walk along Shaw Farm Trail to the state reservation and back, roughly 2 miles total. Binoculars will be available or you can bring your own. Please dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Meet at the bike path at approximately 94 Shaw Rd., Fairhaven.

Free, but registration is required

for all Bay Adventures. To RSVP online, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/bayadventures](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/bayadventures) or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at [bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org) or (508) 999-6363 ext. 219.

To learn more about all our upcoming Bay Adventures, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/bayadventures](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/bayadventures).

### Toys for Tots/ Picture with Santa

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 Fairhaven Fire Station, 146 Washington St.

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

### 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.

## OLD TIME: cont'd from page 3

Organization. The lobby is handicap accessible via Laurel Street side entrance.

**The Town Hall Shops at Town Hall, 40 Center Street,** will be the location where local non-profit, civic, school and church groups will sell crafts, holiday ornaments, baked goods and other items as well as hold raffles and silent auctions. The Town Hall will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Twenty-seven groups will be at town hall.

For the children there will be cookie decorating, craft making, and face painting. Fairhaven music students from the public schools will entertain during the day. F.A.M.E. and the Boy Scouts will offer **food and refreshment outside on the Town Hall steps.**

Admission is free. The Town Hall Shops event is sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Accessible.

More activity will be taking place from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, where **The Old Brick Church Faire** will be held. Crafters

will be selling Vermont cheddar cheese, baked goods, gourmet foods and other items. There will also be a raffle. "Heavenly Treasures," the church's thrift shop, will be open throughout the day. **A lobster roll luncheon** will be served as well, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until sold out. Chowder and hotdogs will also be available. The whole building is handicap accessible.

If you're in a crafty mood, children and adults can **make holiday ornaments at a cost of \$2 to \$5 each** at Art on Center, 15 Center Street, between **10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Members' art will be on sale in the gallery. Accessible.

To cap off the evening, the Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold its **annual sing-along on the Town Hall steps starting at 7:00 p.m.** In a tradition dating back to 1975, luminaria will light the street while community members sing carols until a visitor from the North Pole arrives on a fire truck. Refreshments in the Town Hall afterwards. Free.

The Old-Time Holiday in Fairhaven



is sponsored by the participating non-profit, civic and church groups in town, with promotion coordinated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, which first developed the cooperative event in 1998.

All of December's events in Fairhaven are shown online at <http://FairhavenTours.com>. A handout sheet is also available at the Visitors Center at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 508-979-4085, email [FairhavenTours@aol.com](mailto:FairhavenTours@aol.com). The Visitors Center will not be open on Saturday, December 12 during the Old-Time Holiday.



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# Turkey Trot raises funds for food pantries

The 6th Annual Fairhaven Turkey Trot saw 635 participants on sunny, beautiful Thanksgiving morning. All proceeds go to local pantries including Shepherd's Pantry which organized the event this year.

The annual 5K run/walk has raised

at least \$50,000 since 2009.

Turkey Trot organizers say "Thank you" to the Fairhaven Police and Fire departments for "keeping us safe... with a smile. Many, many thanks to our willing volunteers, eager participants and generous sponsors, who made this

2015 Fairhaven Turkey Trot possible."

This year's winners were:  
Male: Rene DaSilva, Jeff Reed, David Wescott. Female: Lynn Vasconcelos, Erin Carr, Erica Morency.

For more on the Turkey Trot, visit [www.FairhavenTurkeyTrot.com](http://www.FairhavenTurkeyTrot.com)



Runners of all ages fill the streets of Fairhaven early in the morning on Thanksgiving Day, 11/26, for the sixth annual Turkey Trot. Proceeds from the 5K run/walk benefit local food pantries. *Submitted photos courtesy of Artlan Photography*



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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## New Bedford Lights Neighborhood Tree Lightings

**Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting:** Fri., 12/4, 5 p.m. Park on the corner of Ruth & Salisbury St.

**Monty Park Tree Lighting:** Mon., 12/7, 6:30 p.m., At Monte Park, Acushnet Ave. & Cannon St.

**South End Business Association Tree Lighting:** Thurs., 12/10, 5 p.m. Howland Green Library, 3 Rodney French Blvd

**Ashley Park Tree Lighting:** Thurs., 12/10, 7 p.m. Ashley Park, corner of Rivet & Bolton St.

## City Hall Tree Lighting

**Sat., 12/5, at 4:30 p.m., Pleasant St. in Front of Main Library Downtown, New Bedford.** Join Mayor Jon Mitchell and the New Bedford community for this festive annual event!

**At 4:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will lead a parade** up William Street to the Main Library. The parade will feature the award-winning New Bedford High School Marching Band and the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard. **At 5 p.m. Mayor Jon Mitchell will welcome all for the City's official Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Join us for live entertainment, a light show and some very special holiday surprises!

## Park Lights

**Festival of Lights Celebration, Sun., 12/6, at 5 p.m., Clasky Common Park at County and Pope Streets**

Join the countdown celebration to illuminate festive displays of dazzling lights throughout Clasky Common Park. Members of the Parker Elementary School chorus will perform and Santa Claus is expected to join the celebration!

## Breakfast w/Santa

Breakfast with Santa on **Sat., 12/5, 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!

## Downtown Stroll++

Downtown Holiday Stroll, **Sat. & Sun., 12/5 & 6, 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.

**Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by antique fire truck at noon** on Saturday at Custom House Square Park and strolling with their young admirers, to Mare Studio on Centre Street for complimentary photos. **Visits with Santa are both Saturday & Sunday noon to 4 p.m.**

**The Annual Parade up William St. will gather at 4 p.m.**

Entertainment between noon & 4; Craft vendor fair in the building at corner of Elm and 89 N. Water Street; Craft-O-Rama at 98 William St.; The National Park Visitor's Center and many non-profits will host craft activities; and much more!

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

## 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).

## Christmas Concert

As it has now for five decades, the Sippican Choral Society of Marion ushers in the Christmas season in SE Mass. with its annual Christmas Concerts on **Fri., 12/4, at Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford at 8 p.m., and Sun., 12/6 at 4 p. m. in Tabor Academy's Wickenden Chapel in Marion.**

This year, under the direction of its new Music Director Dr. Tianxu Zhou, the chorus will perform Anton Vivaldi's beautiful Gloria as its main selection, followed by some of the chorus's favorite Christmas music over the last 50 years.

Once again, the chorus will be joined by the Southcoast Children's Chorus. The children will sing several

pieces, and join the chorus for others.

The following Monday evening, volunteers from the chorus will also sing selections from the concert at the Sippican Long Term Health Care Center in Marion.

**Tickets are \$15 each,** and are available at The Bookstall in Marion, Up with Kids at Mattapoisett's Ropewalk, The Symphony Shop in Dartmouth, and Euro in Fairhaven. Chorus members also have tickets for sale. Doors for the Friday concert at Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford will open at 7:30 pm. On Sunday at Wickenden Chapel in Marion, they will open at 3:30 p.m. Both venues are accessible.

## Christmas Food Sale

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Christmas Food Sale, **Sat., 12/12, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 235 North Front St. NB** Featuring Frozen Polish foods, kielbasa, rye bread, blessed Oplatek wafers. *Wesoly Swiat* (Merry Christmas)

## Free Parking

In an effort to encourage everyone to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, Mayor Jon Mitchell has announced that the City will again offer a special Holiday Parking Program. From now **through Friday, January 1, 2016,** 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 or more from a Downtown or North End Business District restaurant/merchant to the City of New Bedford Traffic Commission Office. The ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the same day receipt.

The Traffic Commission Office, 51 Elm St., is open Mon.- Fri., 8-5. Call 508-961-3153 with questions.

The 2015 Holiday Parking Program is presented by the Mayor's Office in partnership with Downtown New Bedford Inc., and the New Bedford Economic Development Council.

## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Lights & Sing Along

Acushnet Fire and Police Associations will be hosting their annual Christmas Display Lighting and Sing-A-Long on **Sun., 12/6, 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. **We are asking that you bring an unwrapped toy as we will be collecting for Toys for Tots until December 20.**

### Christmas Tea

Join us for a Christmas Tea with Donna and Ron Lasko. America's Tea Couple present, **"The History of Santa Claus" on Sat., 12/5 at 1 p.m., at Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church 67 Main St., Acushnet.**

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

### Police Station Tour

The official ribbon cutting and opening ceremony for the new Acushnet Police station will take place **Sat., 12/5, at 9 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided. Tours of the new Acushnet Police Station will take place after the ceremony until noon. Our new station is located at **64 Middle Road.**

### Children's Clothing

Gifts to Give is in dire need of children's clothing, especially winter clothes. Please donate your gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, boots, shoes, etc. We also need new socks and underwear for all ages.

We fill requests from social workers at both state and private agencies for children who are in need of clothes and other items.

For more information, visit <http://www.giftstogive.org/what-we-accept/what-we-need/>

The **GiftsToGive Philanthropy Factory, 1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet;** 508-717-8715. Open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every day, except Sunday for drop-offs. Also drop off at **Emma Jean's, 115 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven.**

### Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Holiday Pancake Breakfast: **Sun., 12/6, at the Dartmouth Council on Aging, Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth, from 9-12. Full Breakfast, \$7, Seniors \$6, Children \$5. Santa will be here from 10-12**

Sponsored by the Dartmouth Rotary: SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### Holiday Luncheon

The party is hosted by the Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, Inc. and its members and is free for Mattapoisett seniors. It takes place on **Thurs., 12/10, at noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Rt. 6.**

Enjoy the special holiday festivities with a **great luncheon, singing, and door prizes.** Music is provided by Rick LeBlanc at the keyboard and Billy Couto at the mike. We expect to have Santa Claus, Andy Bobola, and his helper, Ali Carreiro, greet everyone, and assist with the distribution of prizes.

You can pick up a Friends membership application at the Senior Center or at the door at the luncheon. Bring your \$10 so you can renew your annual membership for 2016.

**Free tickets can be picked up at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging's Senior Center** at the Center School, 17 Barstow Street. Transportation to the party is available through the Senior Center - call 508-758-4110.

### Candle Lighting

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

The Worldwide Candle Lighting gives bereaved families everywhere the opportunity to remember their children so that their lights may always shine!

We invite you to join The Compassionate Friends SouthCoast Mass Chapter on **Sun., 12/13, at 7 p.m.,** Smith Mills Christian Congregational Church, 11 Anderson Way N. Dart-

mouth. For more information contact Ann, 508-333-9096, or Gina, 508-287-1780; [tcfsouthcoastmass@gmail.com](mailto:tcfsouthcoastmass@gmail.com)

Light refreshments will be served. You may bring your child's favorite dessert if you like.

If you would like to include a picture of your child, grandchild or sibling in our slideshow please email it to [tcfsouthcoastmass@gmail.com](mailto:tcfsouthcoastmass@gmail.com) or mail to G. Ptaszenski 148 Sycamore St New Bedford, MA 02740 by December 5, 2015. Although this is held in a church it is a non-sectarian.

Sponsored in part by United Way of Greater New Bedford Community Building Mini -Grants Program.

### It's a Wonderful Life

Ocean State Theatre Company (OSTC), is proud to present the life-affirming holiday musical, *It's a Wonderful Life*. This family friendly classic, with furnishings provided by OSTC's "Partner in Design," Ethan Allen, will run at Ocean State Theatre **from December 2-27,** 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.

Based on the beloved 1946 film, this family friendly musical faithfully follows the familiar story of George Bailey's life from childhood dreams to midlife disappointments. This holiday classic will be loved by devotees and newcomers alike.

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

### 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).

## Recipe of the Week

### Eggnog Cheesecake

1 cup graham cracker crumbs  
3 tablespoons white sugar  
3 tablespoons butter, melted  
4 (8 oz.) pkgs cream cheese,  
softened  
1 cup white sugar  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
4 eggs  
1 cup eggnog  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Lightly grease 9" springform pan. Combine graham cracker crumbs, 3 tbs white sugar, & butter in a bowl; mix until evenly moistened; press into bottom of the prepared pan.

Cream together the cream cheese and 1 cup sugar using an electric mixer. Add the flour and beat until smooth. Mix in the eggs with the mixer switched to low. Pour in the eggnog and vanilla; continue beating until just blended. Stop the mixer and scrape the bottom of the bowl occasionally. Pour the mixture over the crust.

Fill a shallow dish with some hot water and place on bottom rack of the oven. Put cheesecake on the middle rack of the oven. Turn oven heat to 200°. Do not preheat oven.

Bake the cheesecake until the center is set, about 3 hours 15 mins. Turn oven off. Allow cheesecake to cool in the oven, about 3 hours. Chill in refrigerator overnight.

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

## From our readers

### People should get involved

To all of the residents of Fairhaven: I was amazed to read recently that many people are needed to fill empty positions as Town Meeting Members.

Fairhaven is blessed to have a Representative Government controlled by its sworn-in Town Meeting Members.

#### TOWN MEETING MEMBERS NEEDED

Precinct one: 24 members for 3 years & 1 member for 2 years

Precinct two: 24 members for 3 years & 2 for 1 year

Precinct three: 23 members for 3 years & 1 member for 2 years & 10 members for 1 year

Precinct four: 25 members for 3 years

Precinct five: 23 members for 3 years

Precinct six: 24 members for 3 years

157 positions available to represent your precinct, your neighbors, yourself and your family!

Don't let your town be run by a few, many of which are town employees. Get involved one or sometimes two Saturdays a year.

All you have to do is read the articles, listen to the pros and cons, and vote. You don't have to stand up and be heard unless you wish to. Fight for the things you want for your neighborhood and town.

There are three types of people in the world. Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened! Which one are you?

Don't do nothing, and then complain about it later. Be involved in what your town is about!

Reminder: you do not have to live in North Fairhaven or even in Fairhaven to join like-minded individuals who enjoy doing things for the children and residents of Fairhaven and surrounding communities. Check out the N.F.I.A. at [www.northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com](http://www.northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com)

*Robert D. Cormier-President of North Fairhaven Improvement Association*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The positions will be on the ballot in April, but they are not vacant. Nomination papers are available now.*

I once wanted to become  
an atheist, but I gave up —  
they have no holidays.

*Henny Youngman*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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and map for admission to the homes

# Day Tripping: New York City...at Christmastime

By Beth David  
Editor

Okay, I admit it. I cheated. I took the cheap way out. I hopped along with the Fairhaven Recreation Center's New York City trip on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The annual trip is billed as a shopping trip, but I don't think I saw any shopping bags on our bus. There were two buses this year, though, so maybe I just missed 'em. Last year I didn't see many shopping bags either.

The \$50 round trip price and one day turnaround were the two things that lured me to this trip.

My friend Kim lives in Pennsylvania, and we try to get together every couple of months. We usually meet in Connecticut, somewhere around the halfway mark, have lunch, hang out, catch up, then get back in our cars and go home.

We decided a couple of years ago that we should go to New York City and learn the ways of the Big Apple.

Then I looked at train prices. So, we opted for the annual shopping trip.

Last year it dropped us off at Rockefeller Center. This year, we were a couple of blocks away.

The trip to NYC is definitely a heavy walking trip, unless you just decide to stay close by. If you're near Rockefeller Center and getting picked up at the library near Bryant Park, then you're okay if you can only walk a few blocks.

Last year, we hung out at Bryant Park and got food at a great little "Mediterranean Turkish Restaurant" name "Antalia."

It was a little pricier than I like for

lunch (okay, a lot pricier), but I expected to pay more in NYC. It cost us around \$85 for two full meals, with drinks and appetizers.

I found out later that some of my Lebanese relatives know the restaurant and had good things to say about it.

It's at 17 West 45th Street, which is just a few blocks away from Rockefeller Center, which is actually a complex of buildings between 48th and 51st Streets.

The streets in NYC are in pretty uniform blocks and all numbered, so it's very easy to get around.

Last year, I got great pictures of skating in Rockefeller Center and I was shocked to see how small the skating area is. This year, I got there with only a minute or two to spare and it was getting dark. It seemed that I could not get as close as last year. There were barricades everywhere and police were only letting people in through two or three spots.

In Bryant Park, there is also ice skating at this time of year when the park is transformed into "Winter Village."

It's between Fifth & Sixth Avenues and between 40th and 42nd Streets.

The sign in at the skating rink says it all: "Above 40th, below 32°."

It's a nice big rink and you can get very close to take pictures. There are seats close to the rink so you can watch the people skate, and a bunch of vendor booths around the park. There's even a spot to get some food.

Honestly, you could stay in that area the whole time you are in the city and not feel the least bit deprived. Just pick a spot, sit and you'll be entertained. But I highly recommend doing more than that.



People of all sizes, shapes, colors and abilities are trying to skate. Some are great at it, the kids of a certain age speed along and revel in the challenge of going around everyone. Older newbies are easy to spot. Friends are teaching each other, parents are holding their kids.

Just like in the movies, a Christmas movie, any Christmas movie.

I love Winter Village at Bryant Park, and I think you will, too.

This year, though, I was determined to see the Macy's window displays, something I missed last year.

So, after a visit to Bryant Park, I decided to walk down Fifth Avenue.

I detoured through Times Square first, though, which is between 42nd and 47th Streets along 7th Avenue.

Times Square is a zany place any time of day. This year was not nearly as crowded as last year, but I think it was because of construction and not anything sinister.

There was a huge police presence everywhere. I even saw police with assault-type rifles at Macy's. That's a first for me to see in this country.

No one seemed to notice, though.

The traffic police in NYC are friendly as can be. They absolutely expect you to ask directions and they gladly give it, so don't be shy.

The Salvation Army ringers are everywhere and they dance. All of them dance, and it's quite the show. In front of Macy's a random passerby grabbed a bell and started dancing with the ringer. It's free entertainment on almost every corner.

The street-grid setup makes it very easy to find where you're going. Nothing like in Boston where you meander around and end up back where you started never even realizing you turned.

But I digress.

In Times Square you can get discount-tickets to all kinds of shows,

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ABOVE: The front of the Macy's flagship store in New York City promotes the Virginia story windows and the Charlie Brown windows, along with the "Believe" campaign. This year's theme at Macy's is "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in honor of the 50th anniversary. Other windows tell the story of Virginia, who wrote to the New York Sun in 1897 asking if there was a Santa Claus, resulting in a famous editorial declaring, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." TOP: On the other side of the building, the Charlie Brown windows are complemented by a larger-than-life Charlie Brown Christmas tree. *Photos by Beth David.*

## NYC: cont'd from previous page

Broadway and off Broadway. The big sign will tell you it's 50% off, or more, but it doesn't tell you the starting point, so I have no idea how much it costs to grab a last minute show.

You can visit [www.tdf.org](http://www.tdf.org) (Theatre Development Fund) to find out what's available right now.

Times Square has a Disney store and lots of Disney characters and superheroes roaming around. You'll be tempted to take a picture with them and when you do, they'll happily oblige. Then they'll hand you a card asking for money.

You've been warned.

And don't forget to look for the Naked Cowboy. He'll be playing his guitar with just a scrap to cover his vitals, even in the cold. Last year we saw two Naked Cowgirls, too.

The McDonald's in Times Square is a good restroom stop. As is true of all McDonald's restaurants in the US, you can just walk in and find it. No questions and no one kicking you out.

There are public bathrooms at Bryant Park, but I didn't have the courage to try them. There was a long line anyway.

After Times Square I walked down Fifth Avenue to check out the windows. Do an Internet search and you'll find several articles that list a bunch of stores that go all out with window displays this time of year. (Here's the one I used: <http://www.refinery29.com/best-nyc-holiday-window-displays#slide>)

I only had time for two. First I saw Lord & Taylor (424 5th Ave). They had a canopy of green along the whole sidewalk where they had four windows decorated. The big clock with the owl popping out at the hour was definitely the most mesmerizing.

People were surprisingly accommodating to those of us trying to take pictures, too. I'd make a comment about New Yorkers being nicer than their rep, but I'm afraid we were all tourists. I



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wouldn't be surprised if there wasn't a New Yorker in the bunch.

Finally, I made it to Macy's (151 W 35th St) where the theme of this year's windows was a tribute to *A Charlie Brown Christmas* in six windows and a giant Charlie-Brown-Christmas tree on the roof of the entrance.

Macy's is easy enough to find. It spans the width of the block from 7th Avenue to 6th Avenue (Avenue of the Americas) and from W 35th Street to W 34th Street.

People of all ages were taking selfies and asking people to take their pictures in front of the windows. It was a bit more crowded here, and tougher to get a picture without heads in it, but, some of those pictures with a little kid's head in it seemed absolutely appropriate.

Around the other side of the building, under the great "Believe" sign, was the whole Virginia story (Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus), a tribute to the famous New York Sun editorial of 1897



explaining to young Virginia that there is indeed a Santa Claus.

"If you see it in the Sun, it's so."

And so it is.

Inside, I wanted to get a picture of Santa Claus, but he was behind a wall in a little room and the wait was 40 minutes. All along where the line goes, are scenes from *Miracle on 34th Street*, the classic movie from 1947 starring Maureen O'Hara, John Payne and a young Natalie Wood.

On the way down on the old wooden elevator, you can't miss seeing the real "Believe Meter," but that's a different story.

Macy's was just as nuts as you've seen in the movies, especially the shoe department. I told Kim that I was glad I didn't have to actually buy anything in that store.

After the Macy's windows, we stopped in at John Sullivan's Bar & Grill on 35th Street, where we got some good hearty sandwiches at prices that would



ABOVE: Two children pose in front of the Lord & Taylor clock display on Fifth Avenue in New York City on Saturday, 11/28. MIDDLE: People skating at Bryant Park. BOTTOM: The Believe Meter at Macy's flagship store in New York City registers at "imagine" on 11/28. Photos by Beth David.

be high for this area, but not unexpected for NYC. I got the Classic Corned Beef Reuben (which was very good) with French Fries for \$12.95, and my friend got the Turkey Burger for \$13.95. We both got drinks and the whole tab was \$46 without the tip. (Visit <http://www.johnsullivan.nyc.com>)

In addition to hearing every language and accent imaginable, you'll see people from all over when you visit the Big Apple. (The term comes from a sports writer in the 1920s referring to horse racing...go figure.)

One of my bus mates used her time to go to the 911 Memorial and Museum. Another was planning to go to a 2 p.m. show. If you're only going for the day, you'll really only be able to do one or two things, depending on how late you want to get home, but the money you save on lodging means you'll get to go back a bunch of times until you do all the things you want to do.

### Getting there

The train leaves from Providence ([www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)). Prices average around \$250, but the super saver seats can be as low as \$48 each way. Several bus companies leave from Providence. Peter Pan has a fare around \$65 round trip, but you have to book early to get the early bus.

You'll need to leave at about 6 or 6:30 in the morning to get to the city around 10:30 a.m. That'll give you 6 or 7 hours to bum around depending on your return time. If you catch a bus or train around 5 or 6, you'll get home by 10 or 11.

It's a tiring day, but do-able and affordable and lots of fun.

If not, just wait until next year and go with the Fairhaven Recreation Center.

# Fairhaven Recreation Center

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2 p.m.; Closed Sunday • 227  
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<http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net>**

## Anniversary Bash

Join us for a **free day of fun** as we celebrate 14 successful years at Fairhaven Recreation!

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

Junior Ages(Co-Ed) 9–11

Senior (coed) Ages 12–14 Open to all Members! Please bring 2 proofs of residency and a copy of child's birth certificate to registration. Information on new evaluation schedule available at registration.

### 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

## Kool Kids C-Mas

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

# Fairhaven Senior Center

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[http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA\\_COA/index](http://fairhavenma.virtualltownhall.net/Pages/FairhavenMA_COA/index)

## Mall Trips

**Dec. 9:** Providence Place Mall      Trader Joe.  
**Dec. 16:** Hyannis Mall, Xmas Tree Shop,      **Dec. 23:** Emerald Square Mall

## Entertainment: 12:30–2:30 p.m.

**12/9 Two for the Road • 12/10 Silver Fox • 12/23 Ray Jay**

## Special Activities

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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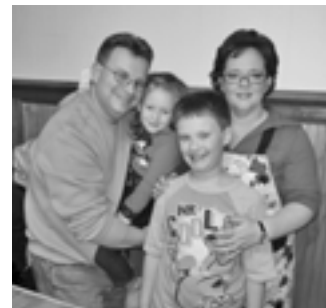
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# Acushnet fills School Committee vacancy and hires paramedic

By Michael Smith

## Neighb News Correspondent

Members of the Acushnet Selectboard and School Committee voted to fill a vacant SC seat at a joint meeting on Monday, 11/30. Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar was absent.

The school committee position is an interim appointment to fill out former committee chair Frank Kuthan's term, according to Selectboard Chairperson David Wojnar. The term ends in April of 2017.

Jody Tavares and Ebony Mcglynn were nominated for the position and appeared before the boards to tell a little about themselves. Both candidates said they have children in the Acushnet school system.

Mr. Wojnar deferred favoring a candidate to the school committee as, he said, he only just met the candidates that night and felt both were equally qualified.

The SC and Selectboard unanimously chose Ms. Tavares to fill the position.

In other business, the Selectboard received several requests for funding including for a new ambulance and hiring of a part-time paramedic. Acushnet Fire Chief Kevin Gallagher presented his case for both needs.

Acushnet resident Christopher Brasells was requested by Chief Gallagher to be hired as a part-time paramedic.

Mr. Brasells recently became a certified paramedic and, if hired, he would enter a one-year mentoring program matched with senior paramedics before "flying solo," according to Chief Gallagher.

The Selectboard unanimously approved the hire.

For the new ambulance, Chief Gallagher said he was interested in

purchasing a 2016 Ford F-550.

"The ambulance box was designed by our full-time paramedics to have the most efficiency they can work in," he said.

The money would come from the ambulance revenue account.

In addition to his requests, Chief Gallagher noted that the 34 purple flags dotting the fire department lawn indicating opioid overdoses in Acushnet during 2015 will be removed for the holidays.

"The sole focus will be on the holidays," he said, as his reason for removing the flags.

## This thing scares the crap out of me [Dana Sargent]

"We're going to hit the reset button in 2016 in documenting overdoses," said Chief Gallagher, noting some residents felt it was important for the flags to stay.

The Selectboard also appointed Holly Fabian to the Finance Committee. Her credentials include five years of financing and accounting knowledge.

"She will be a welcomed member of the Finance Committee," said Mr. Wojnar.

The Selectboard read a letter written by neighbors regarding a complaint on the conditions of the property at 152 Keene Road.

Dogs, roosters, chickens, and cats are known to be residing at the address and are not properly kept on the premises.

According to Town Administrator Alan Coutinho, Acushnet Animal Control officer Rebekah Tomlinson is

working with the residents to resolve the issues.

The letter was placed on file.

Due to a letter by an Acushnet resident addressing safety concerns with the proposed new LNG tanks to be built at the current LNG site on Peckham Road, Eversource responded with a letter of their own.

Mr. Wojnar read the lengthy letter by Eversource citing steps taken by the energy company to inform residents on the proposed project on its specifications and public safety aspects.

"This thing scares the crap out of me," criminal defense Attorney Dana Sargent told the Selectboard, referring to the potential dangers of the project.

Mr. Sargent lives on Peckham Road a half mile from the LNG facility.

Joe Carvalho, president of the Coalition for Responsible Sitings of LNG Facilities, was on hand to hear the contents of Eversource's letter.

"We've got a long road ahead," said Mr. Carvalho on the issue.

In another matter, Acushnet police chief Michael Alves made a request to hire officers for next year.

"We've been fully staffed for the last two months," said Chief Alves.

But due to some officers leaving next summer, Chief Alves asked the board to hire more officers now to avoid a staffing gap in the police department. He is asking to fill two full-time and four part-time positions.

The Selectboard approved the hires.

The public is invited to a viewing of the new Police Department station this Saturday, 12/5, from 9 a.m. to noon. The building is about 95% complete. Refreshments will be served. The target moving date for the department is December 9.

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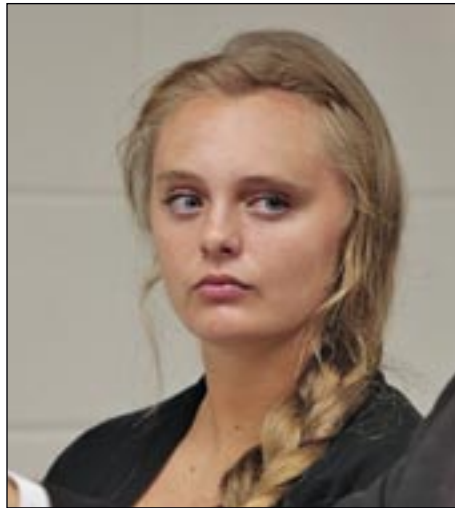
# Carter back in court, case continued to January

By Beth David  
Editor

The case of Michelle Carter, the Plainville teen charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of Conrad Roy III, has been continued to January as both sides await a ruling from the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court on an appeal filed by Ms. Carter's attorney.

In Taunton Juvenile Court on Monday, 11/30, Judge Lawrence Moniz told prosecutors and defense attorney Joseph Cataldo that the case should be scheduled to go to trial, and that they should be prepared by January 21 for the case to go forward if he SJC rules in favor of the Commonwealth.

If the appellate court rules for the case to go forward, said Judge Moniz, then he will expect to move it forward



Michelle Carter in court on 8/24/15. Photo by Peter Pereira courtesy of the Standard-Times.

“as expeditiously as possible, as I do all cases.”

Mr. Cataldo appealed a ruling by Judge Bettina Borders that allowed the case to move forward and that also allowed Ms. Carter to be tried as a “juvenile offender,” meaning she is being tried as an adult, which also makes the proceedings and documents open to the public.

Mr. Roy was found in his pickup truck in the parking lot of Kmart in Fairhaven on July 13, 2014. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning and a gasoline powered water pump was found in the cab of the truck.

Ms. Carter was charged in the death after text messages showed she encouraged him to commit suicide.


Ms. Carter's attorney has argued that her texts are protected speech

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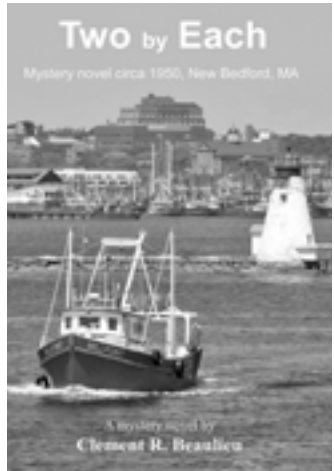


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under the First Amendment and that any charges against her should be brought as a juvenile because she was 17 at the time of Mr. Carter's death.

Ms. Carter was not physically present when Mr. Roy killed himself, and that means she should not be held responsible for his death, argued Mr. Cataldo. He has contended from the start that, by definition, a "suicide" is not manslaughter, and Mr. Roy's death was ruled a suicide.

In her ruling Judge Borders said that there was enough evidence to show that Ms. Carter's actions caused Mr. Roy to commit suicide. Judge Borders referred to a text that Ms. Carter sent telling Mr. Roy to get back in the truck after he jumped out because he was afraid.

Judge Borders noted that Ms. Carter had helped Mr. Roy research ways to kill himself, her actions may have caused his death.

"...there was sufficient evidence presented to the Grand Jury for probable cause to show that an implicit threat of serious bodily injury resulted due to her repeated conduct of counseling the victim on various suicide methods, telling the victim the best time and location to commit suicide, failing to aid the victim once she heard the compression pump working and telling the victim to get back into the truck after the victim got out because he became scared that 'it was working,'" wrote Judge Borders in her ruling. "The First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not protect conduct that threatens another...As previously explained, the defendant's conduct threatened serious bodily harm to the victim. As such, the defendant's conduct is not protected by the First Amendment."

If there is no ruling on the appeal by January 21, the case will be rescheduled.

## Fairhaven Meetings

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At Selectboard meeting

### 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  
Sat., 12/5, Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.  
To interview Town Adm. candidates  
Tues., 12/8, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Wellness Committee

Tues., 12/8, Town Hall, 3 p.m.

## 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

Fri., 12/4, Town Hall, 8 a.m.  
Primarily for license renewals  
Mon., 12/14, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

### Board of Appeals

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

## TIDE TABLE

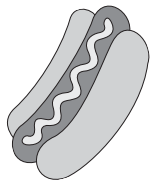
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Saturday	5	0300	1523	1048	2056	
Sunday	6	0358	1622	1133	2141	
Monday	7	0450	1712	----	1209	
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Tuesday	8	0533	1754	1155	2301	
Wednesday	9	0612	1832	1153	2338	
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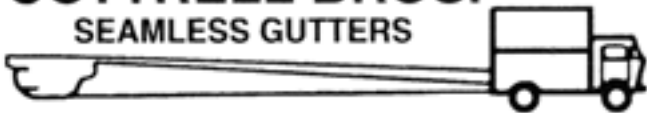
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