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

Annual Gridiron bonfire marks end of football season

A roaring bonfire reaches for the stars at Cushman Park on Wednesday, 11/23, for the annual pep rally to support the Fairhaven High School Football team. The FHS Gridders faced Dartmouth in their annual Thanksgiving Game. See page 12.
Photo by Beth David.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, it's here...the Christmas stuff is happening this weekend. First, the lighting of lights at Benoit Square, Common Park in New Bedford, Acushnet Fire Station.

Then, it only gets better from there.

Remember, though, we have only two weeks left before our winter break. So if you have an event to list, or if you want to run an ad in time for Christmas, you need to contact us ASAP. TWO more issues.

We have all kinds of fun stuff in this week's issue. The big bonfire was last week (see page 12), and we got lots of great pictures.

The Wood School held its annual Pie Daddy contest, signalling the end of their food drive (see page 13).

Don't forget, the food pantries really depend on the donations they get this time of year. They also like to add some extras for families to enjoy the holidays, so be as generous as you can be.

And, while you're in a giving mood, please try to toss a coin or two to your favorite weekly newspaper. We rely on support from our readers as much as we rely on our advertisers. And be sure to tell our advertisers that you saw their ads here.

Check out page three for a pretty good list of fun stuff coming up this weekend and next. The Old Time Holiday will be next weekend. Now, that's a fun thing to do. The center of Fairhaven is transformed into a replica of an old town that you see in old movies. People are walking all around, Chris Richard and a few others are all dressed up in Victorian garb, the UU church is ringing its bells to the tune of Christmas carols, and everyone's all friendly and smiling stuff. Really, they are.

So, if you love this time of year, you HAVE to go.

If you hate this time of year, you HAVE to go. If you are one of those who gets depressed for whatever reason at Christmas, just hang out in Fairhaven. Everyone will wave and smile and you can join in on Santa sightings, sing-alongs, and shopping.

That's next weekend, and the whole list starts on page 3, so you have plenty of time to plan for it.

Okay until next week then...see ya,

Support the Food Pantry

The Shepherd's Food Pantry at the Long Plain United Methodist Church in Acushnet spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week and has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Shepherd's Pantry, PO Box 760, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Visit www.shepherdspantry.org

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Benoit Square lighting leads way on Holiday events

The next few weeks are loaded with all kinds of fun holiday-related events. Santa Claus will be all over the area spreading his special kind of cheer. Organizations large and small will host, sponsor and otherwise take part in all manner of sing-alongs, toy drives, food drives, and holiday fairs.

Here is a sampling of those events.

Benoit Square Lighting

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will be celebrating the annual "Lighting of the Square" at **Benoit Sq. on Fri., 12/2 at 6:30 p.m.**, where Adams Street and Main Street merge. This will include singing Christmas carols, a visit from Santa on a fire truck and candy canes for all. Immediately following, Santa will be available to meet and have photographs taken individually with the kids inside the N.F.I.A. building across the street.

Everyone is welcome. This is a free event. Hope to see you there.

EFS Craft Fair

Back by popular demand! The East Fairhaven School Parent Teacher Organization is proud to present Winter Wonderland Craft Fair on **Sat., 12/3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**, at **East Fairhaven School, 2 New Boston Rd., Fairhaven. FREE admission.**

Featuring more than 20 vendors to shop from, drafts made by EFS children for their parents to buy, Fun activities for children, Bake sale, Gift wrapping

Christmas Concert

Ninth Annual Christmas Concert at **Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., Fairhaven, Fri., 12/2, 7:00 pm.** All are welcome to attend, whether as a musician or a member of the audience. Thanksgiving offerings are welcome. Canned goods for the

Shepherd's Pantry would be greatly appreciated. Good Shepherd is looking for musicians to perform at the concert. Please tell your friends and family! If anyone would like to perform, let any Oxford Book Haven & Cafe worker know or call Kathy DeCosta at 508-245-2792.

In New Bedford

- **Cove Street Neighborhood Group Tree Lighting: Fri., 12/2, at 5 p.m.** at the park on the corner of Ruth Street and Salisbury Street
- **AHA! Holiday Shop & Stroll: Fri., 12/2, 4-6 p.m. and Sat., 12/3, Noon to 4 p.m.** Downtown New Bedford. Area residents are invited to stroll the festively decorated cobblestoned streets of the Whaling City's downtown, to shop locally for holiday gifts, hear caroling, dine out, jump aboard fire truck rides, meet Santa, witness the city's tree lighting and more. Visit <http://www.ahanewbedford.org/holiday-stroll.php>
- **City of New Bedford Official Christmas Tree Lighting: Sat., 12/3, at 4:30 p.m.** Pleasant Street in Front of Main Library Downtown At **4:30 p.m. Santa & Mrs. Claus will lead a parade up William Street to the Main Library.** Features holiday songs, greetings from local elected officials and an appearance by Santa Claus! Finally, the ceremony will conclude with a spectacular surprise: You don't want to miss this fiery hot finale! NB Community Services Department will also serve **complimentary hot chocolate!**
- **Festival of Lights Celebration at Clasky Common Park, Sun., 12/4, at 5:00 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!

- **Monte Park Tree Lighting, Mon., 12/5, at 5:30 p.m.** Monte Park located at Acushnet Avenue and Cannon Street

Book Fair

Millicent's Holiday Book Fair (an Old-Time Holiday event) **Sat., 12/10.** See page 16 for details.

Town Hall Shops

(An Old-Time Holiday event) **Sat., 12/10, 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven**

The Town Hall auditorium is filled with tables of sale items from about 25 non-profit groups, school groups and churches. You'll find gifts, holiday wreaths and centerpieces, baked goods, candy, ornaments, hand crafted items, T-Shirts, FHS items, Dinner for Two books, raffles, and silent auctions. There will be face painting by Heart Henna, children's activities and music by students of Fairhaven Public Schools. Outdoors there will be coffee, cocoa, baked goods, soups, hotdogs, and popcorn. Accessible. Free. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Email FairhavenTours@aol.com or call 508-979-4085.

The Old Brick Church Fair & Luncheon

(An Old-Time Holiday event) **Sat., 12/10, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at First Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven**

The church will be alive with activity. Craft Vendors, Baked Goods, Cookies, Home Cooking, Vermont Cheddar Cheese, Chance Auction,

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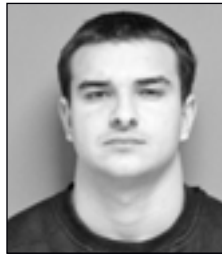
Man arrested on gun charges in Fhvn

Fairhaven Police Press Release

Just after 2 a.m. Sunday 11/20, Fairhaven Police were monitoring crowd disbursement at the closing of Rasputin's Tavern located at the intersection of Bridge Street and Main Street. Someone informed Officer Jerome Penha that a male party in a grey pickup truck had just brandished a handgun at him moments before. Officer Penha quickly located the vehicle traveling on Bridge Street towards Green Street. The vehicle failed to stop for Officer Penha after he activated his emergency lights and siren, and continued south on Green.

The vehicle, a grey 2014 Chevy Silverado being operated by 22-year-old Brandyn Arruda, eventually stopped in the area of Green Street and Spring Street. With backup assistance from Sergeant Daniel Dorgan and Officers Richard Ciccone and Matthew Sobral, Officer Penha ordered Arruda from the vehicle at gunpoint. Also ordered out of the vehicle was a 22-year-old male passenger.

A search of the vehicle and its occupants did not turn up a firearm.



Brandyn Arruda was charged with carrying a firearm while intoxicated and other offenses.

However, while being questioned about the gun, Arruda admitted to police that it had been thrown from the vehicle as it was passing by Cushman Park. The gun was eventually located in the park by officers who found it in close proximity to the entrance to the track. The firearm, which was legally owned by Arruda, was identified as a 9 mm H&K P30SK handgun.

Arruda, who lists a Mill Road address in Fairhaven, was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, interfering with police, carrying a firearm while intoxicated, disorderly conduct and failing to stop for police. He was arraigned in Third District Court Monday morning. His gun license, which had been issued four months prior, was also suspended. No charges have been filed against the passenger at this time.

Man sentenced for three hoax calls

US Attorney Press Release

A Fairhaven man was sentenced on 11/22, in U.S. District Court in Boston for making three false distress calls to the U.S. Coast Guard over the radio.

Roger Martin, 47, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to one year of probation and ordered him to pay \$7,182 in restitution to the USCG. In August 2016, Martin pleaded guilty to three counts of sending false distress messages and one count of identity fraud.

Martin, in three separate calls, claimed that he was on a sinking boat in the Cape Cod Canal. He impersonated a resident of Fairhaven, providing a name, street address and, on one occasion, date of birth. Martin had obtained the date of birth through the improper use of a law enforcement database through his former employment as a Bristol County Sheriff's dispatcher. In response to the calls, the USCG and local law enforcement expended resources ascertaining that there was no true emergency and attempting to track down the hoax caller.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

DEADLINE LOOMS! West Island Toys for Tots

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

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

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

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

EFS Craft Fair

Sat., 12/3. See page 3 for details.

Benoit Sq Lighting

Fri., 12/2. See page 3 for details.

High School Play

This Fall The Fairhaven High School Drama Club is presenting *Fairhaven is Kinda Live*, a student created show. This is a **one night only show December 2nd at 7 PM. Tickets are not on sale yet but they will be \$7 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.**

Tickets on sale at the

Toys for Tots/Fire D

The Fairhaven Firefighters Association Local 1555 is now collecting toys for its annual Toys for Tots drive. Please drop off new, unwrapped toys only at the **Fairhaven Fire Department, 146 Washington Street. Last day for collection is Dec. 15.**

Non-violence Vigil

Please join us for a Holiday Candlelight Vigil for NON-violence and to honor those who have died by violence on **Sun., 12/4, at 4:30 p.m., at Fairhaven Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.**

Sponsored by SE Mass. Chapter, Parents of Murdered Children for family and friends who have suffered a loss from a violent death.

Bring a framed picture of your

loved one to place on a memorial table. Refreshments will follow.

POMC is a non-profit National Organization for families and friends who have endured the pain of losing a loved one from violence. We offer support, advocacy and education to members and to the public. We meet every third Thursday of the month at the Fairhaven Unitarian Church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information please call 617-947-1639 or visit www.pomc.org

Christmas Trees

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

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

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

FHS Open House

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

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

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

Volunteers Needed

The Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), a part of Southcoast Health, is seeking compassionate, caring volunteers to help lead its community bereavement support groups. Groups are held

throughout Southeastern Mass. and East Bay Rhode Island.

Most groups meet every two weeks for about 90 minutes and are facilitated by two co-leaders. Potential volunteers should enjoy working with people, have experienced the loss of a loved one, or want to help those who are grieving. Training and ongoing supervision are provided.

Volunteers are also needed to help at the VNA office, sending out bereavement mailings and making follow-up phone calls.

Call 508-973-3227 or visit www.southcoast.org/visiting-nurse-association.

National Cat Show

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

SAVE THE DATES

Old Time Holiday

Sat. & Sun., 12/ 10 & 11. See page 3.

Nomination papers

Nomination papers are available for candidates interested in running for office in Fairhaven. The annual town election will be held on Monday, April 30, 2017. The last day for requesting nomination papers is **Thurs., 2/9, at 5 p.m.** The last day for Town Meeting incumbents to file written requests for re-election is **Mon., 2/6, at 5 p.m.** The last day to file all nomination papers with the Town Clerk's Office is **Mon., 2/13, at 5 p.m.**

The last day for residents to register to vote in the town election is **Tues., 3/14.**

Papers for town-wide office require 50 certified signatures. Papers for Town Meeting Members require 10 certified signatures.

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM – Monday through Friday Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center St., Fairhaven, 508-979-4023, Ext. 3.

West Island dance brings out the ghouls and the goofs



The West Island Improvement Association brought out the ghouls and the goofs at its Halloween Party on Saturday, 10/29. The event was one of the last held at the community center before it closed up shop for the winter. Keep an eye out for events to start up again in March. ABOVE LEFT: Lisa Esten and Marc Dunn make a lovely couple. MIDDLE: Judy and Steve Bowling bring Sesame Street to life as Miss Piggy and Kermit. RIGHT: Greg and Lisa Belcher are off on safari! *Photos courtesy of Donna Curelop.*

Mass. RMV opens site in Fairhaven for AAA members

Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), in partnership with AAA Northeast (AAA), announced today that the Fairhaven AAA Branch, located at 32 Fairhaven Commons Way, now offers select RMV license and registration services to AAA members.

With the addition of Fairhaven, AAA Registry services are now available at 15 AAA locations. AAA Northeast offers services at offices in Burlington, Framingham, Newburyport, Newton, Peabody, Raynham, Rockland, Saugus, Somerset, South Dennis, Westwood, and Worcester. AAA Pioneer Valley offers services in Hadley and West Springfield.

MassDOT Registrar of Motor Vehicles Erin Deveney and AAA President and CEO Mark Shaw were joined by local and elected officials to share remarks about the new Registry services available at the Fairhaven location.

“The Registry is committed to identifying and offering new ways for our customers to conduct business across the Commonwealth,” said Registrar Erin Deveney. “By working

with the Fairhaven AAA branch, we’re offering our shared customers in Southeastern Massachusetts more convenient ways to access Registry services, especially during this busy time of year. The continued expansion of this important partnership increases convenience for AAA members and improves the delivery of services to customers who need to complete their business at an RMV Service Center.”

AAA Northeast President/CEO Mark Shaw added, “The launch of the Fairhaven AAA/RMV location marks yet another milestone in enhanced choice and convenience for AAA members and consumers across the Commonwealth. We at AAA Northeast look forward to expanding Registry services to more of our Massachusetts branches in the near future — and to continuing our very productive partnership with the RMV.”

At designated AAA Registry services locations, AAA members can perform select transactions including: driver’s license and ID renewals, duplicate licenses or IDs, registration renewals, duplicate registrations, duplicate titles, and registration

transfers. AAA offers its members weekdays and Saturday RMV transaction options. For more information, visit www.aaa.com/registry.

With a strong commitment to a personalized customer experience, the Registry of Motor Vehicles enables customer mobility and consumer safety across the Commonwealth.

Customers are encouraged to visit www.MassRMV.com to process over 25 transactions, access checklists to “Get Ready to Go,” and sign-up to receive RMV News. For the latest Registry updates and information, follow the RMV on Twitter @MassRMV.

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Silent Auction, Coffee Shop and much more. The "Heavenly Treasures," second-hand shop will be open all day. **Lobster roll luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. until sold out.** Chowder and hotdogs, too.. Accessible. Call 508-993-3368 or email firstcongfairhaven@gmail.com.

Cookies & Santa

(An Old-Time Holiday event) At Our Lady's Haven, **Sat., 12/10, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven**

Our Lady's Haven, built originally as the Tabitha Inn by Henry H. Rogers in 1905, will open its lobby to visitors, who will be treated to Christmas cookies, coffee and hot chocolate. Santa will be on hand to meet children and pose for photos. There will be Christmas items for sale. Sponsored by the Diocesan Health Facilities Organization. Accessible (via Laurel St. side entrance). Call 508-999-4561 or email lisag@dhfo.org.

Holiday Marketplace

(An Old-Time Holiday event) At Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. Sanctuary Tours & Luncheon, **Sat., 12/10, 10 a.m. to 3**

p.m. Luncheon at Harrop Center 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The parish house will be the site stress-free shopping with a variety of fine crafters' booths, baked goods and holiday greens. Festive holiday music, a visit from St. Nicholas and a Christmas tree decorated with love will spread holiday cheer throughout the halls. Tours of the sanctuary will be given. Free Admission. Accessible. Next door in the Harrop Center a luncheon of soups and sandwiches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until sold out. Call 508-992-7081 or emailofficeuufhvn@aol.com.

Craft Day

(An Old-Time Holiday event) Old-Time Holiday Family Craft Day, **Sat., 12/10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Art on Center Inc., 15 Center St., Fairhaven**

A great event for the whole family! Art on Center will be a part of the Fairhaven Old Time Holiday weekend. They will have a variety of fun holiday craft projects for artists of all ages. Stop in for hot chocolate and art you can take home! Call 774-206-1709, email info@artoncenter.org or visit <http://www.artoncenter.org>.

Town Hall Sing-Along

(An Old-Time Holiday event) **Sat.,**

12/10, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, 40 Center St., Fairhaven A community tradition! Sing carols on the steps of the Town Hall while waiting for the arrival of a jolly visitor from the North Pole. Then enjoy some hot chocolate. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. Free.

Holiday House Tour

(An Old-Time Holiday event) By the Fairhaven Historical Society **Sun., 12/11, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Starts at Fairhaven Academy Building, 141 Main St., Fairhaven A holiday tour of historical houses and 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. Call Ricky Goytizolo at 508-991-5675.

Service of Lessons & Carols

(An Old-Time Holiday Event) At **Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven, Sun., 12/11, 4:30 p.m.** The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven presents a service of lessons and carols, with seasonal readings and music performed by Music Director Dwight Thomas and the choir of the UMC. All are welcome. Free. (Donations accepted.) Accessible. Call 508-992-7081.

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ATRIA FAIRHAVEN


Our residents are looking forward to an exciting, eventful December here at Atria Fairhaven. We'd love for you to join us.
(RSVP: 508-994-9238)

Join us for:

Gary Duquette Thurs., 12/8, 2:30 p.m. We are delighted to welcome back Gary Duquette to perform for us in The Community Room. Our residents look forward to this performance.

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

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



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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Tree Lightings

See page 3 for details on neighborhood tree and park lightings in New Bedford.

UU Church Fair

The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, Corner of Union, County & Eighth Streets is holding its **Annual Holiday Fair, Sat., 12/3, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Enjoy a snack from our Lunch Counter or Bake Table, Browse our Craft Vendors, Enjoy holiday music, and much more...

Don't forget to Take a Chance on our Famous Quilt Raffle!

Also be sure to check out our downstairs shop: First Unitarian Thrift Shop.

Visit www.uunewbedford.org

Check us out on Facebook or call 508-994-9686 for more info.

Free Parking

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

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

City Sidewalks

Deck The Windows of Downtown NB: Over 50 windows for viewing & voting! Umass Dartmouth Choir & Roosevelt Middle School Choir @ First Unitarian Church NB. Make a wish on the Wishing Tree @ LOVEmoda. And much more during AHA! night **in downtown New Bedford, 12/8.** Visit www.ahanewbedford.org 508 996-8253 x205

AHA! is a monthly FREE celebration of arts & culture in Downtown NB

Winter Farmers Mkt

The City of New Bedford is pleased to announce the grand opening of the New Bedford Winter Farmers Market! Fresh, locally grown produce,

chicken, eggs, grass-fed beef, jams, honey, baked goods, soaps, dog treats and more will now be available for purchase throughout the winter months!

The market will officially open on **Sat., 12/3 and will be open every first and third Saturday of the month from 10am–1pm in the Hallway of the Bristol Building in downtown New Bedford (750 Purchase St.).**

Visit Mass in Motion New Bedford's website, massinmotionnewbedford.org, to sign up for a weekly farmer's market e-newsletter or find New Bedford Farmers Market Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/newbedfordfarmersmarket>

Free Story Hour

Toddlers love to go places and have fun. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park offers free, engaging activities each week at **Whales, Tales and Sails.** This free, one-hour story hour takes place each **Friday morning beginning at 10:00 AM.** The event features professional storyteller Jackson Gillman and includes stories, fingerplay, songs, and crafts at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's Corson Maritime Learning Center. Whales, Tales and Sails is geared for children ages 0-5. The park visitor center is located at **33 William St., New Bedford. Accessible.**

Call 508-996-4095, go to the park website at www.nps.gov/nebe, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.

SAVE THE DATES

House Tour

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

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

most popular private residences.

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

Call 508-997-6425 or visit http://nbpreservationsociety.org/house_tours.html

Boat Exhibit

The New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, will be exploring how C. Raymond Hunt and W. Starling Burgess influenced the evolution of yacht design in an upcoming exhibit. "Power Performance and Speed in 20th Century Yacht Design: C. Raymond Hunt and W. Starling Burgess" **opening Dec. 9.** To commemorate the opening, **a free reception, which is open to the public, will be held from 6 pm to 8 pm.** The exhibit will highlight each of these extraordinary innovator's most notable contributions to the industry and looks to where their work continues to reverberate today in modern yacht design.

The exhibition will feature full-sized boats designed by Burgess and Hunt, the outstanding photography of Norman Fortier, trophies, tank test models, and ship models. One of the Museum's greatest treasures is the 1/3 scale Concordia Yawl model by Tom Borges, with exquisite detailing and full rigging. A 1920 sailing canoe designed by Burgess, an early Boston Whaler, and an exquisitely restored 110 series sailboat will be on display as well. These will be complemented by ship models of Burgess and Hunt's most iconic yachts.

Videos and photographs of these and other yachts in action will illustrate the unprecedented beauty, power and speed brought to the industry by these two design masters and their continued influence on modern yacht design. Their legacy in modern yacht design is still prevalent and this exhibition will draw attention to their accomplishments and unique contributions.

The exhibition is a companion to two recent Museum publications, *No Ordinary Being: W. Starling Burgess, Inventor, Naval Architect, Aviation Pioneer, and Master of American Design* by Llewellyn Howland III, and *A Genius at His Trade: C. Raymond Hunt and his Remarkable Boats* by Stan Grayson.

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., 12/4, 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, who will gladly pose for pictures (bring your camera). Free hot chocolate and cookies will be served upon Santa's arrival, courtesy of the Call Firefighters Association. We are asking that you bring an unwrapped toy as we will be collecting for Toys for Tots until December 20.

Holiday Fair

Get your holiday shopping done early! The Mattapoissett Congregational Church's annual Holiday Fair will be held on **Sat., 12/3 from 9 a.m. to noon. A host of holiday shops will be featured in Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoissett.**

You will find all your favorites: handmade knitted apparel, jewelry, heirloom treasures in silver, crystal and china, as well as never-been-used gifts and holiday decorations. Your holiday season can be much less stressful with the purchase of delicious homemade goodies and already-prepared frozen entrees.

Make your list and check it twice! Park the car once; get all your holiday shopping done in one day and enjoy this most beautiful season amidst a quaint, seaside village.

For additional information, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email mattcong@verizon.net.

Holiday Greens

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

Photos with Santa

Bring the kids to share their Christmas wishes and take photos

with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the **Smith-Appleby House on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Enjoy homemade holiday treats as volunteers in Colonial-period dress present the story of the historic 315-year-old family farm home. There is a **\$5 donation for adults. Children are free.** No reservations are needed. The annual event is hosted by the Historical Society of Smithfield, RI.

The Smith-Appleby House dates to 1696 and was built by Elisha Smith, the grandson of John Smith "The Miller," a member of Roger Williams' original party of six men who left the Massachusetts Bay Colony to start the colony of Providence, Rhode Island, in 1636.

Visit the Smith-Appleby House at 220 Stillwater Rd., Smithfield, RI. For info, call 401-231-7363 or email contact@smithapplebyhouse.org.

Crafts Fair

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A Charlie Brown Christmas

Ocean State Theatre Company ushers in the holidays with a live performance of the popular holiday classic, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, which will be presented **for one performance only, Sat., 12/10 at 11 am.**

The classic animated television special "A Charlie Brown Christmas," which was first shown in 1965 and has been part of the holiday tradition ever since, comes to life in this faithful stage adaptation, in which Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the rest of the Peanuts Gang discover the true meaning of Christmas.

When Charlie Brown complains about the overwhelming materialism he sees among everyone during the Christmas season, Lucy suggests that he become the director of the school

Christmas pageant. Charlie Brown accepts, but this proves to be a frustrating endeavor. When an attempt to restore the proper holiday spirit with a forlorn little Christmas fir tree fails, he needs Linus' help to discover the real meaning of Christmas.

The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. **Single tickets are \$10 each; packages of three Family Fun Fest shows or more for \$8 per ticket.** Discount rates are available for groups of 20 or more by calling (401) 921-1777 x112. Tickets are on sale at the box office Monday through Friday from 12 noon - 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon - 4:00 pm, and from 12 noon until curtain time on performance days. Tickets are also available online at www.OceanStateTheatre.org and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.

Introduce your child to the magic of live theatre at Ocean State Theatre!

White Christmas

Ocean State Theatre Company (OSTC), currently celebrating its fifth season in its comfortable stadium-style theatre in Warwick, is proud to present the family-friendly, holiday musical, Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, which will run **from Nov. 30-Dec. 24.**

Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features seventeen Irving Berlin songs including the perennial favorite, "White Christmas."

Visit www.OceanStateTheatre.org or call 401-921-6800 for dates, times and ticket prices.

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Recipe of the Week

Easy Spiced Pumpkin Tarts

- 1 pkg (15 oz) refrigerated pie pastry
- 1 can (15 oz) solid pack pumpkin
- 1 can 12 (oz) evaporated milk
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1 t. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 t. ground ginger
- 1/4 t. ground cloves

Miniature marshmallows, optional

Preheat oven to 425. Unroll each pastry sheet; roll to 1/8" thickness.

Using a floured 4" round cutter, cut out 16 circles, rerolling scraps if necessary. Press circles into muffin pan coated with cooking spray. In a bowl, whisk pumpkin, milk, sugar, eggs, salt, and spices until blended.

Pour into pastry cups. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350. Bake 25-30 minutes until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. If desired top with marshmallows and bake 2-3 minutes longer or until marshmallows are lightly browned. Cool 5 minutes.

Carefully run a knife around sides to loosen tarts. Cool in pan on wire rack before removing. Serve or refrigerate within 2 hours
Sooo Yummy!! Enjoy! Bevy Lussier

United Way packages 500 meals

Press Release

With the help of over 150 volunteers, United Way of Greater New Bedford was able to reach their goal of packaging and distributing 500 meals this Thanksgiving season. On Saturday, November 19th, Family Volunteer Day, 178 volunteers participated in shifts over an eight-hour period at Dennison Memorial Community Center to package Thanksgiving meals at the 2nd Annual Hunger Heroes Project: Families Helping Families.

Volunteers ranging in age from 2-80 volunteered their time to make Thanksgiving cards, sort food from local food drives, package meals, and load completed meals onto the Hunger Commission truck. For many families, this event served as a way to teach children that not all families are as fortunate as they may be.

"Hunger Heroes gives families a chance to volunteer together during the holiday season, while making a difference for hundreds of area families," said Victoria Grasela, Marketing and Community Relations Officer for United Way. "This event serves as a way to engage our community on many levels — whether it is the volunteer who donates their time, the local business who hosted a food drive, or the person who picked up an extra can or two to donate while out shopping. We are proud of what this event represents."

Packaged meals are delivered with a

turkey, provided by a City of New Bedford Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development Block Grant, to several area food pantries by United Way's Hunger Commission.

Over 20,000 pounds of food was donated by food drives in Greater New Bedford and 500 roasting pans were donated by Big Value Outlet. Hunger Heroes was sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank and through a grant from generationOn and Disney to support Family Volunteer Day projects.

In total this Thanksgiving, United Way was able to distribute 807 turkeys and 500 packaged meals thanks to our volunteers, donors, and continued supporters. Food collected and not included in the Thanksgiving packages will be distributed to Hunger Commission partner food pantries as needed.

If you are interested in volunteering in our community please visit www.volunteersouthcoast.org, to learn more about United Way visit www.unitedwayofgnb.org. United Way of Greater New Bedford is a non-profit organization that was established in 1953. The United Way brings together volunteers, community leaders, and corporate partners to provide quality programs and initiatives that achieve positive results. Its service area, which has a population in excess of 194,000, includes the City of New Bedford and surrounding towns of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Wareham.

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Volunteers help package 500 meals as part of the "Hunger Heroes Project: Families Helping Families." Volunteers aged 2-80 helped sort food, package meals and load the truck. *Submitted photo.*

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FHS football faithful gather before the big game

By Beth David
Editor

On Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, 11/23, the Fairhaven Blue Devils and supporters gathered at Cushman Park for the annual bonfire sponsored by the Fairhaven Gridiron Club.

Popcorn, hot chocolate, a DJ and the Fairhaven High School band

added to the festive atmosphere.

Kevin Cadieux of the Gridiron Club, said the event could not happen without the help of the Department of Public Works, Emergency Management Agency, the Fire Department, Police Department and all the volunteers.

"The Gridiron Club is very thankful

to all the public employees," said Mr. Cadieux. "We do appreciate it."

The FHS football team met the Dartmouth Indians on Thanksgiving Day. The Indians beat out the Blue Devils 43-0. The Fairhaven gridders gave it their best, but were simply outmatched.



Pie Daddy contest marks end of Wood School food drive

By Beth David
Editor

The students of the LL Wood School in Fairhaven surpassed their food drive goal, collecting almost 4,000 items, about double last year's collection.

Last year, the school collected 2,000 items. This year, the school

decided to do things a little differently. They decided to collect enough items to feed 100 families. That would be 24 items for each family. The school community, however, responded in a huge way and collected enough food for 129 families; that's almost 4000 items.

The food went to the Shepherd's

Pantry in Acushnet.

For the Pie Daddy contest, each classroom was represented by a pie eater who raced to eat a pie, hands tied behind his back.

Logan Silvia's father, Bryan Silvia, representing kindergarten, was the winner, and crowned Pie Daddy King.

Photos this page by Jim Mahaney.



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Kool Kids Christmas Vacation

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Time: Drop off 8 a.m., pick up by 3 p.m. Cost: \$100 Member; \$125 Non Member

15th Anniversary Extravaganza Henry the Juggler

Join us for a FREE DAY of fun as we celebrate 15 successful years at Fairhaven Recreation!

Santa will be making an appearance at 11 so bring your camera. Children will also have time for a holiday craft before Henry the Juggler visits at 12 Noon. Henry juggles any number of balls, clubs and rings. Henry has been performing for over 30 years and is an active member of the International Jugglers' Association.

Special thanks to the Fairhaven Cultural Council for sponsoring this show!

Date: Saturday December 3rd
Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Volleyball!!!!

At 8p.m. until 10 p.m. every Tuesday Night. Members are free!!

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

12/7 Music w/D&D • 12/8 Music w/ Ray J • 12/21 Music w/Ray J

Special Activities

PACE Assistance & Recertification Form/Fuel

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

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.

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

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

Help Support Our Troops

The Fairhaven COA and Southern Mass Credit Union will be collecting personal hygiene and non-perishable items to send overseas to our troops

for Christmas. Any donations can be dropped off at the Fairhaven Senior Center or Southern Mass Credit Union by November 11th

Walgreens Flu Shots

A pharmacist from Walgreens Fairhaven will be giving flu shots, anyone 18 and older at the Fairhaven Senior Center on Tuesday Nov. 15th and Nov. 22nd from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Please bring your Insurance card with you, if you do not have insurance the cost is \$31.99. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up.

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Fairhaven Council on Aging will be having a Thanksgiving dinner for Fairhaven seniors on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th from 11:30-1:00. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and pies (pies donated by Our Lady's Haven) will be served. If you would like to join us, please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to **reserve your seat at 508-979-4029 by Friday November 18.** There is no cost for this dinner.

Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Oct. 3 & 17, from 1-3:00 p.m. and, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

Ongoing Programs

Call 508-979-4029 for days and times

A/G Consumer Mediator; Bingo; Board Meeting/monthly; Bridge; Caregiver Support & Education Group; Chair Yoga, Computer Training; Fit Quest; Friends of Elderly/monthly meeting; Grocery Shopping; LGBT Supper Club; Line Dancing; Live Band; Medical Transportation; Nutrition Program/ meal served; Osteoporosis class; Outreach Coordinator; PACE Fuel Assistance; Pitch; Reassurance Program; Shopping; Singles Senior Supper Club; Supportive Senior Social Day Program; Tai Chi; Tap 'N' Time, Walking Clubs, Zumba.

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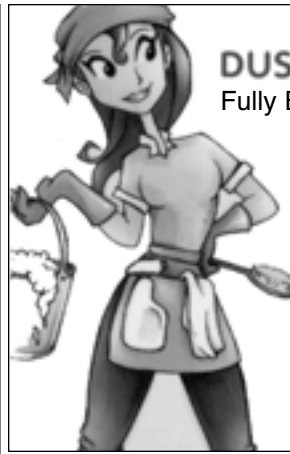
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Authors of children's books and adult fiction and nonfiction will be signing and selling their books. Many of the authors will also be reading from their work throughout the day.

The fair is sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library, which encourages library use and supports the library's activities.

The Friends will also hold a raffle for a beautifully illustrated art book, *Graphic Passion: Matisse and the Book Arts*.

Millicent's Holiday Book Fair Authors

- Ray Bartlett: *Sunsets of Tulum; Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket; In the Sunlight of Sakurajima*
- Janet Costa Bates: *Seaside Dream*
- Eric Baylies: *Heroin's Rainbow*
- Clement R. Beaulieu: *Bad Lucky Number; Round Corners; Two by Each; Into the Dark*
- Elizabeth Butts: *Singleish; Second-hand Purses; Thirty Happens*

- Robert Clark: *The Secret at Haney Field: A Baseball Mystery; Dizzy Miss Lizzie; Cener Point; The Right Hand Rule; Running on Empty*
- Kristine Daniels: *Floyd and the Irresistible Cookie; Floyd and the Mysterious Night Time Noise; Floyd and the Sparkling Seashell; The Hibernating House*
- Marta del Pozo: *The Hidden Third*
- Debi Graham-Leard: *The Uninvited Guest*
- Carl Johnson: *From Beer to Beards: Boston Baseball's 2011-2013 Roller Coaster Ride; The Baseball Buff's Bathroom Book, 2 vols.*
- Sheri Breault Kreitner: *The Prodigal Son*
- Elizabeth Larsen: *Buster Hardings: Buster Makes New Friends*
- Jackie Leduc: *The Demonic Eyes; Bloody Nightmares; Freckle Stars*
- James Marlow: *Once We Were Sioux: Short Stories; Seeing Auras*
- Gerald R. Messier: *Nana: The History of a Fisherman's Wife; A Chronicle of Pioneer Michel LeMessier*
- Lori Bradley Millstein: *Dogs Are Better than People: Encountering*

Good and Evil in the Animal Rescue World

- Maggi Pierce: *A Belfast Girl*
- Kathleen Souza: *August Skies*
- Donna Lee Tufts: *From My Kayak*
- Laura Vaughan: *Andy Ant: What Could Possibly Be on the Other Side to See?*

Schedule of Author Readings

- 10:00 Janet Costa Bates
- 10:15 Kristine Daniels
- 10:30 Kathleen Souza
- 10:45 Laura Vaughan,
- 11:00 Maggi Pierce
- 11:15 Jackie Leduc
- 11:30 Clement Beaulieu
- 11:45 Debi Graham-Leard
- 12:00 Sheri Breault Kreitner
- 12:15 James Marlow
- 12:30 Ray Bartlett
- 12:45 Eric Baylies
- 1:00 Jerry Messier
- 1:15 Donna Lee Tufts
- 1:30 Lori Bradley Millstein
- 1:45 Marta del Pozo

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Our Lady of Purgatory sponsors community charity meal

Press Release

It's all about giving back and being part of a community. That's what prompted Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church to hold a Community Charity Meal at its parish center on Merrimac Street in New Bedford on Saturday, 11/19. The second annual, this year's meal is to show appreciation to the community, according to Pastoral Administrator of OLOP, Fr. Fadi Rouhana.

"The church is celebrating its 100-year anniversary here in New Bedford," said Fr. Rouhana. "New Bedford has given much to us. This is our community."

The second thing, said Fr. Rouhana, is that it is the time of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"It is a time to think about others," he said.

The third thing, is that the historic building on Merrimac Street has been re-opened as a parish center only recently, and honors Fr. George Saad, who served the parish as pastor for more than 30 years. The building has been owned by the parish for

decades, and was initially used as a parish center. Then it was rented out for years, but is now back to being a place for the parish to hold events for the church, which is just around the corner.

On Saturday, the church community served meals for free to anyone who walked through the doors. About 30 people took advantage of the offer. The meal was prepared by the St. Joseph Sodality Members and sponsored by the Aboukheir family in loving memory of the Faithful Departed.

Tracy, who lives in the neighborhood, said she saw the flyer at the Salvation Army and was curious about the community and the congregation. She said she never attended mass at OLOP, but would love to have a church that was close enough to walk to.

Jose Moniz took a minute to pray over his meal before eating. He said that he prays before every meal for three things: The Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus; his father and other family members who died; and for the health and well being of



ABOVE: L-R: Kristen, Roslinde, Martina and Concepcion join Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church for their annual Community Charity Meal on Saturday, 11/19. BELOW: Jose Moniz prays before eating his meal at the second annual community charity meal hosted by Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church in New Bedford on 11/19. Photo submitted.

the people around him, in the community. He prays the Apostle's Creed, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father.

Kristen, Roslinde, Martina and Concepcion said they found out about the meal from a flyer at the senior center in New Bedford.

"We always go to the spots for free food," said Concepcion, prompting a good laugh from her friends.

"We like to get involved with the things that the community is putting on," said Martina.

All four said they like to attend events like the meals to meet people and learn about the community.

"Our stomachs are full," said Concepcion. "And we're in good company."

OLOP is located at the corner of Pleasant and Franklin Streets in New Bedford. Sunday liturgy is at 10 a.m. Visit www.ourladyofpurgatory.org or find OLOP on Facebook.





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Acushnet Lions holds Toys 4 Tots Drive & Motorcycle Run

By Beth David
Editor

Nearly 80 motorcycles braved the late November weather for the annual Toys for Tots toy drive and food drive sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club at the River's End on Sunday, 11/27. With help from Boy Scout Troop 11 and Pack 51, the festive crowd loaded up trucks with food and toys, and then headed to the

Shepherd's Pantry to unload the goodies. The Adam Taylor Memorial Foundation also dropped off a pickup truck full of toys.

Rivers end owner Marc DeSilva said it was the seventh year they have been hosting the event to help children and families have a good Christmas.

"We're just trying to help everyone have a nice holiday," said Tim Cox of Fairhaven.

Steve Sylvania and Robin Sherman got all bundled up and road in for one of the last motorcycle runs of the season.

"To bring toys and have a good time with good people," said Mr. Sylvania.

"It's all for a good cause," said



Ms. Sherman.

The bike total was 78, officially, and cost to join the run was a toy for Toys for Tots.

Toys for Tots is a program of the US Marine Corps. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens. For more information visit <http://toysfortots.org/> or contact your local Fire Department.

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Board of Assessors

Mon., 12/5, Town Hall, 7 p.m.
At Selectboard Meeting

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Wed., 12/7, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.
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Tuesday	6	0028	1248	0523	1759*
Wednesday	7	0122	1342	0634	1904*
Thursday	8	0216	1438	0744	2004*
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From our readers

Fighting Pancreatic Cancer

November is the month of Thanksgiving and it is also Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. While I'll never give thanks for the disease that claimed the life of my father, Norman Cordeiro of Dartmouth, there is still much to be thankful for in the fight against pancreatic cancer. While the statistics are still grim, there has been a slow increase in the survival rate since the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network was established.

Pancreatic cancer is the third deadliest major cancer in America having recently surpassed breast cancer. The disease is expected to pass colorectal cancer by 2020 to become the second deadliest cancer in the United States. This year it is estimated that 53,070 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and 41,780 will die from the disease. Pancreatic cancer's five-year survival rate is just 8 percent, and it is the only major cancer with a single digit survival rate. Like my dad, 71% of those diagnosed will die within their first year.

November was packed with activities that shined a purple light on pancreatic cancer, and it's important that our neighbors take note of our community efforts to change the course of this disease.

PurpleLight Boston 2016 was held in October as a lead-in event for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. The luminaria ceremony sought to honor, inspire and remember all those who have been touched by this

terrible disease. The event was hosted by the Boston affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

A "Purple Party for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness" was a night of food, camaraderie and great music! The free event featured musical acts (the Brethren Order of the North East Sea — B.O.N.E.S. and the King's Busketeers as well as DJ Michael Paolucci), with food by the Mad House Grill and beverages by the Knights. Representatives from both the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network of Massachusetts (ACS CAN MA) were on hand to answer any questions and to tell their personal stories. Funds collected via free will donation were donated to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

United States Representative Bill Keating of the 9th Congressional District pledged to join the bipartisan and bicameral Congressional Caucus on the Deadliest Cancers on Nov. 15. The Boston Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network met with a staff member of Representative Keating on June 21 during the organization's Advocacy Day at Capitol Hill asking to join the Caucus. The Congressional Caucus on the Deadliest Cancers raises awareness about the deadliest forms of cancer, such as pancreatic cancer, and advocates for research funding and other measures to increase survival rates for these cancers.

The Boston Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network was

invited to meet with Governor Charlie Baker in his ceremonial State House office on Nov. 17, World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day, as the Governor signed a proclamation declaring that date Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day. Several Mass. landmarks illuminated purple to mark the occasion.

The Dartmouth Police Department honored Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day on their Facebook page. WBSM 1420 AM, particularly Phil Paleologos, helped to promote the Purple Party and posted photos of the event on their Facebook page.

There is one event left to keep your eye on. The local Boston Affiliate will be meeting with the Governor's staff at the State House on Dec. 2, to discuss the appointment of volunteers to the Special Commission to Study Pancreatic Cancer in Mass. I have been appointed as the designee of House Minority Leader Brad Jones of North Reading.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's battle cry in the war against pancreatic cancer is "Wage Hope!" That war isn't confined to the month of November as those touched by the disease fight every day of every month throughout the year. We won't stop fighting until we've conquered pancreatic cancer! Will you join us? To learn more, visit www.pancan.org.

Brock N. Cordeiro, Dartmouth Volunteer, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network; Volunteer, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

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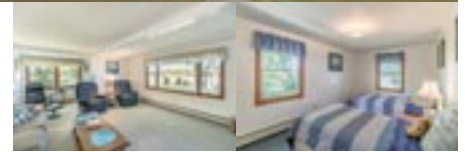
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