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

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Veterans of the United States Marine Corps march along Main Street in Fairhaven on Veterans Day, 11/11/17. The 25-degree temperatures may have deterred some spectators along the route, but hundreds were on hand at Fairhaven High School for the raising of the big flag and a ceremony that included the firing of muskets and the small cannon by the Fairhaven Village Militia. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, if it ain't one thing it's another, right?

First, let's be happy it's Thanksgiving week. With the cold weather arriving in earnest, it's time to cover up the boats, put the motorcycles in the sheds, and renew the gym memberships. At least it means that Thanksgiving is here, and then Christmas and New Year's. Then...ah, let's not get too far ahead.

Thanksgiving is the focus this week. And that means we're going to be starting our Christmas and other holiday shopping (no, no, not recognizing those of you who finished already, you be on Santa's coal list). And THAT means, *Shopping with the Neighb News*.

This year's couple (see page 12), has some new places to choose from for that fixer-upper. So check it out, and please, please, please try to shop with our advertisers during this spending season. And let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

We have lots of fun stuff in this week's issue. The high school cheerleaders took first place in their state competition, even though they got bumped up to a tougher division (see page 3). They are clearly a happy bunch.

The Douglass Tree Farm is having its annual sale this year, after having to cancel last year. See page 19 for a really cool aerial shot courtesy of ML. Baron.

And, we had a Selectboard meeting this week. Alas.

Honestly, these guys are the gift that just keeps on giving to my editorializing tendencies.

This week, it's Selectboard member Dan Freitas, aided and abetted by Charlie Murphy, giving a freebie to a call firefighter. God help us all. Do you NOT understand what favoritism means? Do you not understand that favoritism is bad? Do you not understand that governments are not supposed to play favorites?

Because he is a firefighter we won't charge him the whopping \$150 fee to use the Town Hall for a wedding. Really, guys. He didn't even ASK for the waiver. He is willing AND able to pay the fee. But, he won't have to.

Any other schmuck who just happens to pay taxes in town, which support the town hall, does NOT get the waiver. But the guy who gets paid BY the town gets the freebie? News Flash: Town Hall is NOT your daddy's family business. Government is NOT supposed to work like this. What next? No sewer fees for BPW workers? How about free shellfish licenses for all Marine Resource Committee members? Oooh...oooh...I've got it: No building permit fees for all volunteer board members...yeah, that should do it.

I stood around for a couple of minutes after the meeting just looking at those two guys trying to figure out what the heck to say to them. I just kept trying really, really hard not to keep shaking my head tsk-tsking, or scratching my head, literally (face-palm, anyone?). I simply did not know what to say.

So, I'll let my readers decide for themselves. See page 4. Tell me what you think. The person in question is a call firefighter, not full time, so at least he works in the REAL economy (as Mitt Romney likes to say), and he pays property taxes in town. But, hey, so do a lot of other people, right?

I just do not understand how such blatant favoritism can be so brazenly displayed, unchecked, with no shame. To his credit, Bob Espindola tried to stop the train, but it kept on going.

Heaven help us all.

And please note again: The man did NOT ask for the waiver.

Until next week then...see ya,

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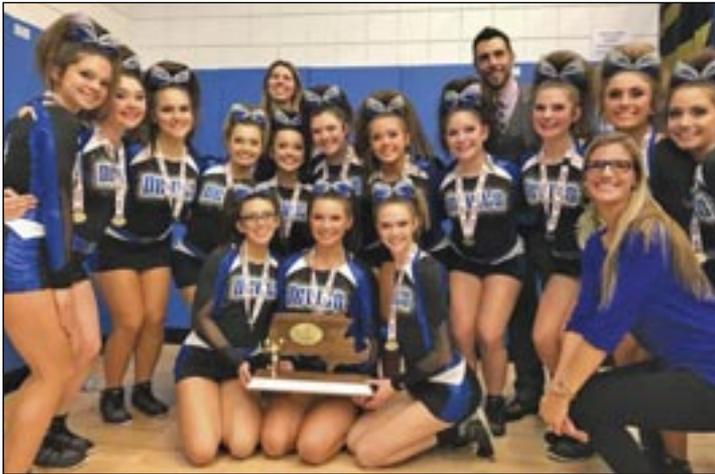
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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Fairhaven High School cheerleaders win state competition



The Fairhaven High School cheerleaders took first place in the Division 4 State Championship for Fall Cheerleading at the Mass. School Administrators' Association competition on Sunday, 11/19. According to coaches Meagan Rudenauer and Heather Costa, this is the first year the squad competed in Division 4. For the last two years they have won in the Coed Small division, but D4 has tougher competition. "We were going into it thinking we could get fifth or first and it really could go either way," said the coaches in an email. "They had a fall and a couple of issues with the routine, but they out-performed everyone and won, with Rockland taking 2nd and Abington 3rd. This is our 4th State Championship in a row. We look forward to starting our winter season on December 4th and doing it all again!" ABOVE LEFT: The squad and coaches pose with the championship trophy. ABOVE RIGHT: The cheerleaders celebrate after the win. LEFT: The squad poses with the winners' banner after returning to the high school with a police escort on Sunday. *Photos courtesy of Susan Rizzo.*

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# Selectboard sets tax rate, shift stays same, rate lowers a tad

By Beth David  
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard went with the Board of Assessors' recommendation for the FY 18 tax rate and tax shift, at the annual tax classification hearing on Monday, 11/20. The new tax rate for residential properties will be \$11.75 per \$1,000; on commercial properties it will be \$23.76 per \$1,000. The 1.75% shift is the same ratio that the town has used since 2005. Last year's tax rate was \$12.04 for residential and \$24.27 for commercial.

Assessors told the board that residential and open space property (R&O) values have increased an average of 3.4%, while Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property (CIP) has increased an average of 5.3%. Because of the increase in value, property owners will not see a lower tax bill, even though the rate is lower. The rate is multiplied by the amount of the assessed value of the property to calculate the tax.

Last year, FY17, the average single family home value in Fairhaven was \$264,074, for an average tax of

\$3,179.45 (at the \$12.04 tax rate).

The average single family home value for FY18 is \$272,739. At the new rate of \$11.75, the tax will be \$3,204.68.

To calculate tax, home-owners need to get the valuation of their specific properties, and not use the average.

Assessors also told the board that values for all properties increased: residential condos increased by 2.3%; two-family homes increased by 4.6%; three family homes increased the most at 8.6%; multi-family homes increased by 4.8%; vacant residential land increased by 3.4%; commercial increased by 4.1%; and industrial increased by 3.4%.

Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola asked if the Selectboard and the Assessors could start discussing ways to decrease the shift, which is the difference between residential and commercial rates. The 1.75% is the maximum allowed by law.

He said the topic came up at the Economic Development Committee meeting, with some people feeling that the higher rate was deterring

businesses from locating in Fairhaven.

Board of Assessors member Pamela Davis told the board that changing the percentage would only shift the burden to residential property owners. She recommended using TIF (Tax Increment Financing) agreements instead. TIFs are based on a number of factors, including how many jobs a company may bring to the town.

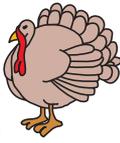
"That's far more effective. Far more effective," to attract new businesses to town, she said.

"I am familiar with [TIFs]," said Mr. Espindola, adding that he was hoping they could simply delay the vote to look into the possibility of making the change.

A quick review of the tight timeline with the state, and the Selectboard's meeting schedule, though, made it clear that vote could not wait.

Town Administrator Mark Rees suggested that a change of that nature would require some study. He suggested that the board consider getting started now for a possible

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Meet Beth and David! They are probably about four years old and siblings.

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If you are interested in adopting call the Fairhaven Animal Shelter 508-979-4028.



## Turkey Trot

Fairhaven Turkey Trot, **Thanksgiving morning, Thurs., 11/23, at 8 a.m. Start/finish, 56 Bridge St., corner of Green.** Join this 5K (3.1 miles) to support local food pantries.

**Adult Price: (13 and up): \$20 online through Nov 21, \$25 online or in-person. Youth Price: (12 and under): \$10 always online and in-person.** In Person sign up: Wed., 11/22, from 4-7:00pm at 56 Bridge St., Fairhaven. Register day-of: \$25 (cash or check) on Thanksgiving morning between 7am-7:45am 56 Bridge St. Please make checks payable to The Shepherd's Pantry.

**Trot Fest** Pre-Trot number pick-up at the SMEC Building and post-Trot festivities at Rasputin's Tavern! Thanksgiving morning is usually pretty COLD! So, layer up and plan to be outside for a few minutes before the Trot to pick-up your number. Visit <https://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/eventdetails>

## 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 bring a toy for a child to our home, 151 Balsam St., Fairhaven, **before Dec. 15.**

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.

## HARC Meeting

Local environmental advocacy group Hands Across the River Coalition, Inc. meets monthly with the next meeting taking place **Wed., 11/29, from 6:00-7:45 p.m. at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven.** Open to the public. Attendees are advised to use the Walnut Street entrance on lower level.

HARC advocates for the safe cleanup of New Bedford Harbor and other contaminated sites in the Greater New Bedford area. The group provides information about the detrimental health effects caused to our community from toxic chemicals such as PCBs, DIOXIN, mercury, lead and others. HARC was formed in anticipation of the cleanup of contamination in the Acushnet River that needed to be done in order to protect human health.

HARC appeals to everyone to join them in working to protect our air, soil and water, and especially public health, by removing all PCBs safely to an offsite, TSCA approved landfill.

For more information, contact Karen Vilandry, HARC president (508) 951-1184 [harcgnb@gmail.com](mailto:harcgnb@gmail.com)

## FHS Open House

Fairhaven High School will be holding our **Eighth Grade Family Open House on Thurs., 12/7, from 6:30-8 p.m.** All eighth grade students interested in attending Fairhaven High School and their parents are welcome to attend, **at FHS, 12 Huttleston Ave. (corner Main St. and Rte. 6).**

We will be sharing information about the high school and the curriculum offered. Students and their families will be able to meet the Principal and the staff, take a tour of the historic building, learn about clubs and activities, and attend a question and answer session with current students and staff.

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

## SAVE THE DATES

### Benoit Square Lighting

Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, the annual lighting of Benoit Square will feature a visit by Santa Claus, singing in the

square, and the lighting of the Christmas lights.

**Join us on Fri. 12/1, for a sing-along beginning at 6:30, where Adams Street and Main Street intersect with Howland Road.** Showstoppers will be joining us to lead the singing and we hope you will too.

### POMC 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., 12/3, at 4:00 p.m., indoors 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.

### Douglass Tree Sale

After being forced to cancel its annual Christmas Tree sale last year due to the drought, Douglass Tree Farm is proud to announce that the trees look great this year.

On **Sat. & Sun., 12/9 & 10, from 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,** the Douglass family will be selling Christmas Trees from their farm located on Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven, MA. All trees, priced at \$40 each, are donated by the Douglasses so that all proceeds from trees purchased will support ALS research.

### Old-Time Holiday

Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday will be held on **Sat. & Sun., 12/9 & 10, in the center of town,** Get into the spirit of the holidays and find an array of holiday gifts, food, music, and old-fashioned good cheer in the historical town center. More details in the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, visit [www.fairhaventours.com](http://www.fairhaventours.com)

### Honor Society Fund-raiser

The Fairhaven High School Honor Society and Student Council will be selling **Dinner for Two Books at the Old Time Holiday-Town Hall Shops - upstairs at Town Hall on Dec 9th - \$29.95 each or buy 3, get a free one.** Cash or Check, please, no credit cards. Gift wrapping is free!

## Leaf Pickup

Curbside leaf collection in Fairhaven will run **from November 7, 2017 through December 1, 2017.**

Leaves will be collected the day

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# Atria Fall Festival benefits Alzheimer's Association

## Press Release

Back in 1983, President Ronald Reagan designated November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. In 34 years, from then to now, the number of people with this disease has soared to nearly 5.4 million.

Before the cold arrived, Atria Senior Living in Fairhaven held their second annual Fall Festival to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, at the end of September.

This was an open-to-the-public event, where families, neighbors,

residents and staff came together to help raise awareness. We received over 70 donations of gift cards, gift baskets, scratch tickets, and other raffle items from all over. The event featured food, face painting, pumpkin painting, games and more!



Atria Senior Living Fairhaven raised \$2,234 at its second annual Fall Festival to benefit the Alzheimer's Association in September. The event featured raffles, food, face painting, pumpkin painting, games and more! *Submitted photos.*



Everyone here at Atria Fairhaven would like to thank you all for coming out to our Fall Festival. Without all of the support we received, we wouldn't have been able to raise the money we did for the Alzheimer's Association.

We would like to announce that we exceeded our amount raised last year! We raised \$2,234! We look forward to hosting the third annual Fall Festival in 2018.

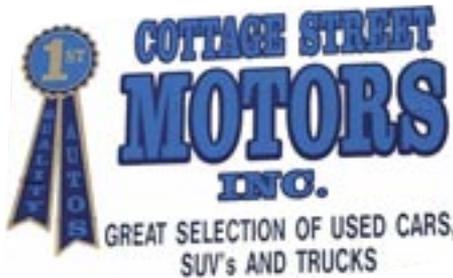


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# Road Race recognizes volunteers, distributes nearly \$20,000

Fairhaven Road Race organizers held their annual luncheon on Sunday, 11/12, to show appreciation to the volunteers, and to distribute \$19,900 in donations to area groups.

The annual Father's Day Road race gives donations from \$2,000 to \$300 each year, with the bulk of the donations going to Fairhaven organizations, including civic groups, government agencies, and other non-

profits.

This year, the Fairhaven EMA, Fire Department and Police Department each received \$2,000. The race also donated \$1,000 each to Fairhaven High School scholarships, the Fairhaven Senior Center, Greater New Bedford Vocational-Technical High School scholarships, and Southcoast Hospitals Group.

The race also gave eight \$500

donations and 23 \$300 donations to a variety of groups including Scouts, the Improvement Associations, Lions Club and Rotary Club.

Both running groups from the two elementary schools and the middle school, The Band of Brothers and the Sole Sisters, received \$300. The race also recognized 58 sponsors.

For list of donations and sponsors, visit [www.NeighbNews.com](http://www.NeighbNews.com)



LEFT: Fairhaven Road Race organizer Allen Days presents Fairhaven Police Officer Marcy Haaland with a \$2000 donation for the Fairhaven Police Department at the annual luncheon held by the Fairhaven Father's Day Road Race on Sunday, 11/12. RIGHT: Commandant Rick Seguin receives a \$500 donation for Greater New Bedford Marine Corps League. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*

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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Holiday Shop & Stroll & Tree Light

Downtown New Bedford, Fri. & Sat., 12/1 & 2, 4-7 p.m.

**Sat. 12/1 4-7 p.m., Jingle & Mingle Shopping Stroll:** Shop your way through downtown galleries and boutique stores. Enjoy food tastings, gift buying, live music and plenty of holiday cheer. Continue your evening with dinner with dinner and drinks at one of downtown New Bedford's many eclectic eateries or the Arts Aglitter: Party for the Arts even at NBAM/Artworks!

**Sun., 12/2, noon-4 p.m., Jingle & Mingle Family Stroll:** Shop local while enjoying family fun throughout downtown. Photos with Santa, fire truck rides, street performers, hands-on activities, Harmony & A Chord youth performance series, **followed by the annual tree lighting.**

**TREE LIGHTING:** 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 Whaler Marching Band and the All-City Middle School Marching Band and Color Guard. **The countdown celebration will begin at 5 p.m.** with greetings from elected officials and an appearance by Santa Claus!

## Holiday Fair

At First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, 71 Eighth St. (corner Union & County). **Sat., 12/2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Featuring the annual Quilt Raffle.

## Festival of Lights

**Clasky Common Park, Sun., 12/3, 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!

## Giving Tuesday

The SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to

celebrate generosity worldwide.

**Occurring this year on Nov. 28,** #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the US) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support.

Participating are listed on the Chamber's website <https://members.southcoastchamber.com/events/>

## Vote for HFHN

We are a winner!!!! Beth Mahoney submitted an essay to **Frigo Cheesehead contest** of "Building a Bright Future" and we have won \$2500.00. NOW we are a finalist for \$10,00.00. We need your help!!! Each day, please go to <http://www.cheeseheadsbrighfuture.com/> and vote for Holy Family Holy Name School. Please tell your family and with your social media contacts.

**Voting ends 11/30.**

## LGBTQ Drop-In

LGBTQ Social Support Group drop-in, every Monday. Next date 10/30, 7-9 p.m., at A Perfect Place, 484 Pleasant Street, New Bedford. 18+ LGBTQ. Acceptance, Friendships, Community Support, Advice, Openness. Pride Café is a Drug/Alcohol/Sex/Discrimination FREE Space.

Visit <http://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/> for more info.

## Peace Light in NB

The flame in the Bethlehem Peace Light originates in Bethlehem. This Light of Peace reflects the spirit of the One who was born there over 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ, the one that the Bible calls, the Light of the World and the Prince of Peace. "And His name will be called... Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Since 1986 a Scout from Austria has extracted a light from the eternal flame in the grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The Peace Light is then flown to Austria where it is distributed at a Service of Dedication to delegations from across Europe, who then carry it to their communities with a message of Peace. Austrian Airlines then flies a special lamp

containing the Peace Light from Bethlehem to New York City.

The light is meant to give us hope that even though there is so much darkness in the World, we can still see signs of a loving and peaceful community. That we can still be a people living together, in harmony, and working together for peace and justice.

Boy Scouts first brought the Peace Light to the Fall River Diocese in 2015 and distributed it at some small ceremonies. **This year will see the flame transferred to a special candle in the Manger scene at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette on Sunday, November 26.** Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass Scouts will carry the flame to the Crèche where it will remain throughout Christmas and Christmastide. Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls in uniform are all invited to attend the Mass and form a walkway from the Church to the Crèche down which the Flame will be carried. Children, our most important hope for our future, no matter their faith or belief, are also encouraged to participate. After the ceremony at the Crèche a Scout will be selected to throw the switch to illuminate La Salette's 500,000 lights.

**Individuals and families wishing to receive the flame may do so at St. Mary's Church, New Bedford, Mass. at the 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses on Sun., 12/3.** Those wishing to obtain the flame should bring a candle which will be lighted and then extinguished. The lighting "infuses" the spirit of the Peace Light in the candle which may then be re-lit at home: A perfect way to light a family's Advent Candles and begin Advent.

The Bethlehem Peace Light should especially remain in our homes during all of Advent and Christmastide. Christmastide lasts from Christmas Eve until February 2.

Churches and organizations desiring to obtain the Peace Light to further distribute it may obtain it by contacting Michael McCormack, the Chairman of the Fall River Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting, at 508-998-1218.

Receiving the Peace Light provides us a visible reminder of the mission we share. As believing people, our mission is to keep the hope of peace alive in our World, our communities, and our homes.

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## BIKE RUN:

### Toys for Tots/Lions

The Acushnet Lions Club along with the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual **Toys for Tots & Food Drive Motorcycle Run on Sun., 11/26.** \$10 unwrapped toy donation (no stuffed animals please), and non-perishable food donation. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End, 7 Tarkiln Hil Road, Acushnet.

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

### Toys for Tots/Acush

Toys for Tots now has drop-off bins at the Acushnet Fire Station located at 24 Russell St. and at the Acushnet Library located on 232 Middle Road

The bins will be at both locations until December 23rd. Please Donate an Unwrapped Toy!!

## Wine Tasting

St Julie Billiard Ladies Guild presents "A Toast To The Season" to be held at Inner Bay Cafe (2nd floor), 1339 Cove Rd, New Bedford on **Fri., 12/1 from 7pm-10pm.** Tickets \$25.00 per person include wine tasting and an array of hors d'oeuvres. Please call 508-728-7933 or 508-992-5464 for tickets.

## Holiday Stroll

Holiday shoppers of all ages are cordially invited to join The Nemasket Group in celebrating the beginning of the Holiday Season at our Holiday Stroll on **Sat., 12/2 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Features some of the finest craftspeople in SE Mass., Chance Auction and our Signature Basket Raffle. At the Nemasket Group, 109 Fairhaven Rd. Mattapoisett.

Call 508-999-4436, e-mail Stroll2017@NemasketGroup.org or visit [www.NemasketGroup.org](http://www.NemasketGroup.org)

## Barn Sale

At St. John Neumann Parish Barn, next to Cathedral Camp, Middlboro Rd. (Rte. 18), E. Freetown, on **Sat., 12/2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Free admission, accessible.

## Holiday Lighting

**Sun., 12/3, at 6:30 p.m. the town**

of Acushnet will hold its annual **lighting of the Christmas Display at the Fire Station at Parting Ways.** Free hot chocolate and cookies, and a visit from The Big Guy!

## LaSalette Lights

Our 2017 **Christmas Festival of Lights BEGINS ON Nov. 23 to Jan. 1, with Illuminations Daily: 5-9 pm.** Featuring: 300,000 Lights illuminating over 10 acres; International Creche museum with hundreds of creches from around the world, 5-9pm weekdays and 2-9pm weekends. The Outdoor Creche of Bethlehem featuring a candle lit with a flame from Bethlehem, Israel. Concerts with Father Pat and various artists. National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, 947 Park St., Attleboro. Visit <http://www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/christmas-festival>

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Dementia Talk

Understanding and responding to dementia-related behavior, an education program by the Alzheimer's Association will be presented **FREE on Tues., 12/5, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, 17 Barstow St.** To register, call 508-758-4110 or e-mail to [coadirector@mattapoisett.net](mailto:coadirector@mattapoisett.net)

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings, as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers and others to manage.

Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges.

## History Forum

Winter History Forum Begins this December. **Westport's Founding Families presented by Richard Gifford, 10:30 a.m. Fri., 12/1, at the Westport Free Public Library, 408 Old County Rd., Westport. Suggested donation \$5.**

Local historian and genealogist Richard Gifford will explore the stories of the first generation of

settlers in Westport in the 17th century who were drawn by an abundance of rich farmland, navigable waterways, protected harbors and by the desire for religious freedom. Who were they? Where did they come from? Why did they settle here and what was life like for them? This presentation will provide a general overview of early settlement and will also focus on the Tripp, Gifford, Macomber and Wing families.

## Author Event

BCC-LusoCentro in collaboration with the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture/Tagus Press at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth present: A Presentation and Book Signing for: "Tufas, a Princesa Crioula" (Tufas, a Creole Princess) a bilingual Cape Verdean Children's Book by Cape Verdean Author Dai Varela, on **Wed., 11/29, 5 p.m., at Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture, Liberal Arts Building, Room 212, UMassD, 285 Old Westport Rd., Dartmouth. Park in lot 1.** Light refreshments.

For more information, contact Prof. Carlos Almeida at 774-357-2091 or [carlos.almeida@bristolcc.edu](mailto:carlos.almeida@bristolcc.edu).

FREE and open to the public.:

## Job Seekers 50+

The Marion Council on Aging offers free Job Seekers program to support and assist people 50+ who are looking for a new job, a totally new career direction or an encore career. Meetings are the **first Thursday of every month from 1-3 p.m. at the Benjamin Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street, Marion.**

All meetings are open to everyone regardless of area of residence, will be facilitated by an Experienced Career Coach and will feature a new topic. Join us in a professional forum for networking with peers in a safe and comfortable environment conducive to developing new relationships and developing skills and strategies to help in your career transition. This program is funded and supported by the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging (MCOA).

For information and pre-registration, please contact Susan Drevitch Kelly, Program Director at [susan@sdkelly.com](mailto:susan@sdkelly.com) or 781-378-0520.

## Recipe of the Week

### Spicy Cranberry Barbecue Meatballs

55-60 small meatballs  
14 oz whole cranberry sauce  
17 oz spicy BBQ sauce

Combine sauces over medium heat in a large deep skillet and cook until bubbly. Add meatballs in a single layer and stir to coat completely. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook until meatballs are heated through; about 15 minutes for frozen.

Remove cover and continue to cook for several minutes, stirring occasionally, until sauce is reduced and completely coating the meatballs. Serve as appetizer, or as a main dish over rice.

For slow cooker method, place meatballs in the slow cooker and pour sauces over. Stir ingredients together and cook on low for a few hours or until ready to serve. Stir again just before serving.

By [www.yellowblissroad.com](http://www.yellowblissroad.com)

## NMI graduate lands job on tanker

Press Release

Northeast Maritime Institute celebrates the recent graduation and job placement of student Camron Barach. Camron is a resident of Lakeville, Mass., and attended Apponequet Regional High School where he graduated in 2015. He was most recently part of NMI's Class of 2017, graduating with high honors on September 8.

Since graduation, Camron has obtained his credentials for Master 100 gross ton, Mate 200 gross ton and Able Seaman (Limited) with Assistance Towing, Radar Observer (Unlimited), and Tankerman-PIC (Ship) Endorsements from the United States Coast Guard.

He was also awarded the Senior Chief Kehoe award, which is presented to a student mariner who reflects the Institute's core values of "Honesty, Integrity and Hard Work"

and demonstrates sustained exceptional standards of proficiency and conduct, and whose professional appearance and bearing are consistently impeccable.

Camron departed on Sunday, 11/12, to begin his career with Conoco Phillips Polar Tankers.



Camron Barach with Angela Dawicki of the Northeast Maritime Institute after Mr. Barach announced he had found a job in his field. After graduating from NMI in September, Mr. Barach secured a position with Polar Tankers, a subsidiary of Conoco Phillips as an Able Seaman-Tankerman. NMI is a college of maritime science located in Fairhaven. *Submitted photo.*

Polar Tankers, a fully owned subsidiary of Conoco Phillips, is an industry leader in safety, environmental stewardship and operational performance. They operate five Endeavour-class tankers in the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline System trade, lifting crude oil in Valdez, Alaska, and discharging at ports along the West Coast of the United States and Hawaii. Camron will be a utility on deck and in the engine room for his first trip and then will be upgraded to an Able Seaman-Tankerman.

Camron attributes his confidence and abilities to his education at Northeast Maritime Institute.

"I didn't know anything before coming to [NMI]... but you just get the right education, good experience and everything just builds up from there."



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# Shopping with the *Neighb News*

*A decidedly biased piece by  
Beth David  
Editor*

Welcome to our annual shopping guide to local small-shops in the *Neighb News* family of advertisers.

After you've loosened your belt to accommodate all that Thanksgiving Day food, it's time to buy gifts for your precious loved ones, whether you want to or not!

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

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

Speaking of mom and dad, maybe they are feeling a bit overwhelmed lately and wondering if they can move to a place that's easier to handle? No problem, check out **Atria Senior Living Group**. Mom and dad might love the idea of not having a big place of their own to take care of. It's a great time to visit there, too, they have all manner of holiday related happenings going on.

Mom and Dad all comfy at home and giving you the evil eye for even thinking about moving 'em out? No problem. Butter 'em up with some yummy chocolates or luscious fudge from **Dorothy Cox's Chocolates**.

Ohhh...the parents will feel absolutely pampered!

This Friday is the big shopping day, of course. So, you'll want to start as early as possible. At just about the crack of dawn, you'll want to start with a hearty breakfast and we've got the perfect place for you. Check out **Courtyard** in East Fairhaven.

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

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

On this side of the river, head to **Southern Mass. Credit Union**. They have the full spectrum of options

available for you. They're as home-grown as it gets, too. Maybe you're strictly a New Bedford gal or guy? No problem, SMCU has an office in New Bedford, or you can visit **St. Anthony of New Bedford Credit Union**.

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

Speaking of cars....

**A&A Auto** has a great selection of used cars to fit any budget. I'll bet Alex will even put one of those big red bows on it, too, if you ask.

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

Looking for that home-town village

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experience? Well, Fairhaven's got it all here, as New England as it gets in the center of town. Park the car and walk in around.

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

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

And, if Black Friday is not your favorite time to shop, hold off one week and see what the shops at the **Old Time Holiday by the Office of**

**Tourism** have to offer, in just a couple of weeks.

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

Have some young kids (or old folks young at heart) who just love their dolls and doll houses? There is something soothing about those, isn't there? Then check out **Boutique for Dolls**. Their clothes fit American Girl dolls.

Have other young kids to buy for but just don't like the idea of another pile of "stuff" on top of all that stuff they're going to get? We've got the perfect solution. And after all that food you'll all be eating in the next couple of weeks, you'll want the kids (and yourself) to burn off calories. Just head on over to **Carousel Family Fun Center** for skating, and all kinds of fun. They do parties, too. Grab a gift certificate while you're there and mark your calendar for the warm weather when the miniature golf opens up.

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

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

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

Maybe the old place should have an alarm, huh? Yeah, I thought so. It'll take years to get it in shape, so meanwhile, must protect all the gadgets. Call **Wayne Electric**. They do alarms, and that's a cool gift!

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

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

You'll also want to check out

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**Cottrell Bros.**, for their selection of home renovation products and services.

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

The kids are bound to need furniture and other "furnishings" for their new place. Maybe they want all new furniture, maybe they've looked at furniture prices, and know better.

You'll want to head over to **Save Sum, Earn Sum** consignment shop. You'll get much higher quality furnishings for your money.

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

For exterior work, you'll want **Marc Gadbois**, whether it's time to replace the siding, windows, roofing, or fix what's there. He does everything, no matter how big the job seems to be.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be sure to check out our classifieds

section for a bunch of other stuff the kids might need.

Now it's time for dinner. In the mood for something exotic? Then head over to **Sivalai Thai**.

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

Looking for a spot with wifi? Head on over to the **Ice House**. You can take your computer or other gadget with you and research your next stops.

Speaking of computers...Everyone can use an upgrade, but it's such a hassle to update and reconnect and

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

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

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

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

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

that!

Now, I know that no one wants to think of the bad stuff during the holidays, but then you watch some old Christmas movie about some poor person who got left behind and the will wasn't up to date. Time to call **Surprenant & Beneski** and get it done. They can handle the full range of legal beagle stuff. It'll be a load off your mind and you'll be happy you did it.

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

It's party time!

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

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

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

Looking for yourself, well Howe can help you with that, too. And so can **Sherry Lopes from Alferes Realty**, and **Joe Pinto at Seacoast Realty** and John at **Cobblestone Real Estate**. They all have inventory and are ready to find what you're looking for. Just be sure you tell them that you found out about them from the *Neighb News*.

Speaking of the *Neighb News*, don't forget that we sell pictures of events we've covered, to decorate those new walls.

Okay, now you're done. Time to sit with a drink and some friendly faces, with some music in the background, a game on the flat screen, and some bar munchies in front of you.

That's the **Bayside Lounge** calling you by name. You're sure to find

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### Kool Kids Christmas Vacation

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### Youth Basketball League Reg.

Open Registration Cost: \$10 with play card; \$50 without. Age is determined as of December 1, 2017. Divisions will be as follows with sufficient numbers; Pee Wee (Co-Ed) Ages 6-8; Junior (Co-Ed) Ages 9-12. 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.

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### Mall Trips

11/29: Emerald Square Mall Xmas shop  
12/6: Newport Grand, Middletown 12/13: Hyannis Mall, Xmas shop,

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

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### Special Activities

#### **Annual Christmas Dinner**

OPEN TO ALL SENIORS IN THE AREA, Christmas Day, December 25, 2017, at Holy Name of Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 121 Mount Pleasant Street, New Bedford. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and dinner at noon  
**Reservation Deadline: Dec. 19th**  
CALL 508-992-3184

#### **South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.**

Thursday, December 14th 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. A representative will be at the Senior Center to answer your questions concerning, Social Security, (SSI) Subsidized housing matters, Public Benefits, Physical and Financial abuse, Nursing Home related problems, This is by appt. 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.

#### **Holiday Closings**

The Fairhaven Senior Center will be open half a day December 22nd and 29th. Lunch will be served. The Center will be closed on December 25th and January 1st. If you need to go shopping or banking, make sure you call ahead on Christmas week and New Year week.

#### **Health Cooking Classes**

The Fairhaven COA will be hosting Healthy Cooking Classes provided by Coastline through a grant from Tufts. In this class you will learn new ways to prepare healthy food, participate in the preparation of the foods and enjoy your finished meal. Program is also open to those who have previously attend. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029, Mondays 3:00-4:30 p.m. beginning January 8th.

#### **General Loss and Grief Support Group**

Third Tuesday of the month, 5:00-6:30 pm at The Fairhaven Senior Center, The Grief Support Group is facilitated by trained grief professionals from Southcoast VNA and is offered to provide the opportunity to gather with others who are grieving the death of a loved one. To register, please call Southcoast VNA Bereavement Services at 508-973-3227.

#### **Alzheimer's Support Group**

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:00-7:00 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month at Brookdale, 274 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA. RSVP 508-999-0404

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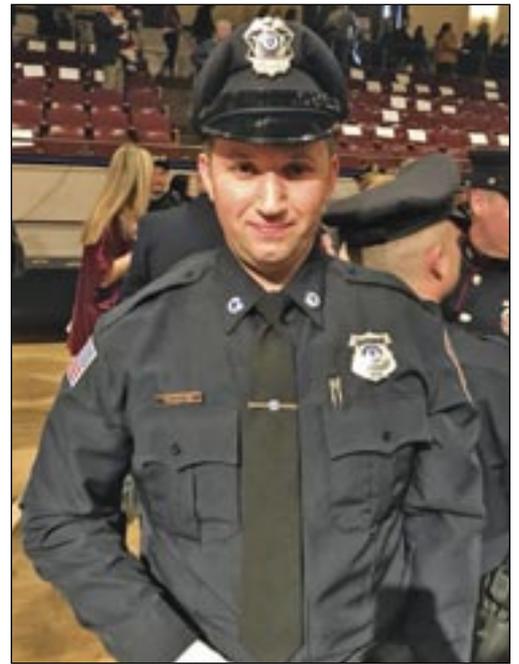


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# Acushnet hires full time police officer



On November 15, the Acushnet Police Department officially announced on its Facebook page the newest full-time member of the force, Officer Jason White. On 11/15 Officer White successfully completed the 24-week Full-Time MPTC Plymouth Police Academy as a part of the 64th Recruit Officer Class. Graduation ceremonies were held at Memorial Hall in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Starting on 11/16, Officer White began training inside the Acushnet Police Station on the 911 desk. Once he has successfully completed that portion of training, Officer White will begin his road training with a Field Training Officer. Please help welcome our newest [officer]! Congratulations Officer Jason White and to the entire 64th ROC!

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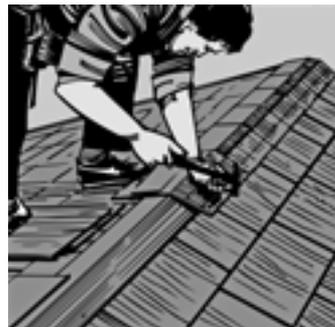


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# Noah's Playground opens for business....er...play

By Beth David  
Editor

Noah's Place Playground is open to the public. Located at Marine Park on Pope Island in New Bedford, right near the Fairhaven line on Route 6, the completely accessible playground is designed to allow all children, regardless of physical abilities, to play with each other.

Victor and Christine Fernandes spearheaded the effort in honor of their son Noah, who suffered from MELAS, a progressive and degenerative mitochondrial disease.

The Team Noah Foundation raised funds for the playground, which broke ground in September.

On Monday, 11/20, officials joined with Noah's family members for the official opening of the park. Noah's sister, Isabella Fernandes, cut the

ribbon.

The playground features pathways wide enough for a wheelchair and other accommodations for children with disabilities.

The playground at Marine Park on Popes Island has been a longtime goal of the Team Noah Foundation and was made possible through their fundraising efforts and the generosity of numerous donors.

Only one year after his diagnosis, Noah began attending The Schwartz Center for Children, where he received physical, occupational, speech and aquatic therapies. The foundation aims to help fill in the gaps where insurances and government funds fail. The foundation works to ensure that no child is left without the proper equipment they need, be it audio/visual, wheelchairs,



walkers, or more.

Noah, who lived in Acushnet, died last year at the age of 14.



TOP: Members of Noah's family pose with the statue of him at Noah's Place Playground on Pope Island in New Bedford at the ribbon cutting on Monday, 11/20. L-R, BACK: Noah's father Victor, and Noah's brother Isaac, (FRONT) Noah's sister Isabella, and Noah's mother Christine.. ABOVE LEFT: New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, Noah's sister Isabella, and Noah's mother Christine get ready to cut the ribbon together. ABOVE RIGHT: Members of Team Noah pose with Noah's Statue. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

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ramblings about my summer vacation, there are about 200 photos that make it worth the \$2.99.

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# Douglass Tree Sale is ON!

By Beth David  
Editor

The trees at Douglass Tree Farm have recovered from last year's drought and are ready for sale. The annual Christmas tree sale, which benefits research for ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) was cancelled last year because of the

drought, which caused some browning of needles.

Also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, ALS is a nervous system disease that weakens muscles and impacts physical function.

Since 2001, the sale has raised more than \$250,000 for ALS research. According to farm owner Dick

Douglass, many people give a donation in addition to the cost of the trees.

This year's sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 12/9 & 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. The farm is at 100 Douglass Drive in Fairhaven (on Sciticut Neck Road near the West Island turn).

Volunteers will be on hand to help you cut your tree and load it onto your vehicle.

This fun, family errand has become a favorite tradition for many. Families roam the grounds of the farm looking for the perfect tree for their home.

Cut it down yourself, or have the eager volunteers do it for you.

All trees are \$40 and all proceeds will go to the ALS Therapy Development Institute, a nonprofit biotech in Cambridge, Mass., focused 100 percent on ALS research.

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/>.



This aerial shot of the Douglass Tree Farm on Sciticut Neck Road in Fairhaven taken this week shows a healthy crop of Christmas trees ready for cutting this year. The annual tree sale will be held on 12/9 & 10. Photo courtesy of ML Baron.

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# First Bells of Remembrance rings throughout region

## Veterans Day Bells of Remembrance Thank You

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is proud to report that the bells have begun ringing in honor of veterans! The first annual Bells of Remembrance took place at various churches throughout the Southcoast. The bells rang for one full minute on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. in a moving tribute to our veterans.

There are so many people to thank for their resounding enthusiasm and efforts!

The pioneers of the project are: The Mattapoisett Congregational Church, Center School in Mattapoisett, The Marion Congregational Church, The Rochester Congregational Church, The Universalist Church in Fairhaven, The Fairhaven Congregational Church, The Fairhaven Town Hall, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion, The Wareham Congregational Church, Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford, The Dartmouth Congregational Church, Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham, St. Joseph's Parish in Fairhaven, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dartmouth, St. Patrick's Church in Wareham, Tabor Academy.

The project could have never been successfully launched without the help of so many people associated

with these buildings. Whether you spent time simply passing the word about the project or whether you gave of your time to make sure the bells rang in one of the buildings, your contribution has not gone unnoticed and it is so appreciated! Even if your efforts this year did not result in the actual ringing of the bells, your support for the project is of great value.

It is impossible to name each individual and thank them appropriately for going above and beyond in this small space. However, we want to especially thank those who took time out of their day to arrive at a building and actually make the bells ring. Also, it is important to thank the members of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club who posted announcements about the event around the Southcoast and who attended the event in Mattapoisett. Thank you to



Mattapoisett residents gathered at the Congregational Church on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. for the first Ringing of the Bells. This event was organized by Mary O'Keefe and Lori Bardwell of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club to honor Veterans and their service to our Country. Churches and schools from Mattapoisett, Rochester, Fairhaven, Wareham, Marion, and New Bedford participated. *Submitted photo.*

attendees everywhere! Your support is heartwarming.

Of course, our real gratitude goes out to the veterans. We are so grateful for your service!

As the Mattapoisett Woman's Club continues to work to bring this tradition to our area, we remain open to hearing from people everywhere who want to get involved. Pass the word for next year and don't hesitate to contact us for more information! Call Mary O'Keefe at 508-758-2801 or Lori Bardwell at 508-758-2164.

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after your regular rubbish day. Place leaves curbside by 7:00 AM. **Limit of 25 bags per stop. No plastic bags.** After a holiday collection will be one day later.

### Snow parking ban

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### Nom Papers 12/1

Nomination papers for town elections will be available on Dec. 1.

The annual town elections will be held on Mon., 4/2/18.

Seats up for re-election are: Bob Espindola on Selectboard; Donna McKenna and Colin Veitch on School Committee; Lindsay Gordon on Board of Health; Colleen Sylvia, Commissioner of Trust Funds; Robert Hobson and Keith Silvia for Board of Public Works; John Farrell and Peter Nopper

on Planning Board; Gregory Tutcik on Housing Authority; a vacant, unexpired term on HA; Mark Sylvia for Moderator; Brian Bowcock for Tree Warden.

One third of seats in all precincts for Town Meeting members will also be up for election.

Interested candidates have until Feb. 8 to request nomination papers. papers for town-wide seats require 50 certified signatures; papers for town meeting members require 10 certified signatures from your precinct.

All nomination papers must be returned by Mon., 2/12.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, is the last day for town residents to register to vote in the town election. The clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. that day.

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Town of Fairhaven will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on December 4, 2017, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to review the status and take in public input on the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects, Hedge Street design and Oxford Terrace Parking Lot Project. The town will also discuss the process for upcoming 2018 CDBG application including the Community Development Strategy. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit comments or questions to the Department of Planning & Economic Development at the Fairhaven Town Hall, [billr@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:billr@fairhaven-ma.gov) or call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with prior notice to the Planning Department.

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Wed., 11/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Board of Public Works

Mon., 11/27, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Community Preserv. Comm.

Wed., 11/29, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 12/13, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

## Acushnet Meetings

### Cultural Council

Mon., 11/27, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Public Safety Committee

Wed., 11/29, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

### Selectboard

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

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change in next year's tax rates.

Mr. Espindola said he wanted to know if other towns had a smaller shift, or not shift at all.

Ms. Davis reiterated that the more the commercial rate would go down, the more the residential rate would have to go up.

"I'm aware of what it means," said Mr. Espindola, adding that the town should find out exactly what the impact will be.

Board of Assessors chairperson Ronald Manzone pointed out that Fairhaven has more infrastructure than many of the surrounding towns, such as town water and sewer.

Mr. Espindola agreed, noting that the school department had been praised at the same EconDev meeting he was referring to.

In any case, the lowered rate was welcome news.

"It's always good news to see the tax rate go down," said Selectboard member Charles Murphy.

Even if it does not mean that the tax bill, will go down with it.

The board voted to support the recommendations of the Board of Assessors. No members of the public spoke at the hearing.

In another matter, the board approved a request by Garth Rowe to use the Town Hall auditorium for a wedding on December 2. Selectboard member Daniel Freitas asked the board to waive the fee for Mr. Rowe because he is a call firefighter in Fairhaven. Mr. Rowe did not ask for the fee to be waived, but Mr. Freitas said he believed a town firefighter should be exempt from the \$150 fee. The custodian fee of \$29.72 would not be waived.

Mr. Espindola disagreed with waiving the fee. He said the fee is waived for non-profit organizations, not individuals.

Mr. Espindola said that if the town waives the fee for one person because he is known to the town, then it will set a precedent.

Mr. Freitas said he did not know Mr. Rowe personally, but felt that because he is a firefighter, he should get the fee waived. Mr. Freitas's brother Eddie is a Fairhaven Firefighter.

Mr. Espindola still disagreed: "It's a big bargain for a wedding," he said.

Mr. Freitas made the motion to waive the fee and Selectboard

member Charles Murphy voted with him to pass the waiver. Mr. Espindola voted against it.

The board also heard from Allen Decker of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, asking for the board to approve a conservation restriction on a piece of property on Sycamore Street, along the Acushnet River.

Mr. Decker told the board that the property had already been acquired by the BBC's subsidiary, the Acushnet River Reserve, Inc., which was created to acquire property along the Acushnet River to protect it from development.

Although the parcel is owned by the ARR, Mr. Decker said that did not automatically preserve it. He said the Fairhaven Conservation Commission had already agreed to hold the Conservation Restriction (CR), but the Selectboard also had to approve it. A CR prevents a property from being developed.

Mr. Decker said the plan is for the parcel to be open to the public for passive recreation, such as hiking and wildlife observation. The property is mostly wetlands and marsh, but there is some upland, he said.

There are also PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls), which might be in high enough concentrations to prohibit use of the land right now.

Over time, however, he said the remediation that is ongoing in the river will improve the shoreline on both sides of the river.

The parcel has sections that are "core habitate" and "critical natural landscape," so it is important to preserve it.

The parcel is not technically part of the Riverwalk project on the New Bedford side, but could some day be connected along Coggeshall Street.

Mr. Freitas seemed skeptical that the BBC was not asking for any money, or would ask for money in the future for the parcel.

Mr. Decker said that the land had already been acquired, and that the BBC was not seeking payment for the CR. He said future plans to enhance the property may require some funds, but he could not say for sure.

He said the ARR was created to preserve land along the river, and acquiring the CR would uphold those "conservation values" into the future.

Mr. Freitas, however, said he would not vote. He abstained, while Mr. Espindola and Mr. Murphy voted to sign the CR agreement.

On a lighter note, Mr. Espindola noted that Fairhaven had again won the South Coast Bikeway Alliance Summer Bike Challenge. After Fairhaven won four years ago, which was the first year of the Challenge, the trophy went to Mattapoisett two years in a row.

This year Fairhaven "wrested it back," said Mr. Espindola, who is an avid cyclist.

He said 13 cyclists logged in 15,200 miles in 97 days.



Fairhaven Selectboard Chairperson Bob Espindola (seated center), jokes about the age of the average Fairhaven participant in the 2017 South Coast Bikeway Alliance Summer Bike Challenge, just before he presents the trophy to some of the participants at the Selectboard meeting on 11/20/17. The trophy will be on display at the Fairhaven Recreation Center for the year. Then it will be up for grabs again. Also seated are Selectboard members Charles Murphy (LEFT) and Daniel Freitas (RIGHT). To learn more about the challenge, visit <http://www.southcoastbikeway.com/challenge.html> Photo by Beth David.



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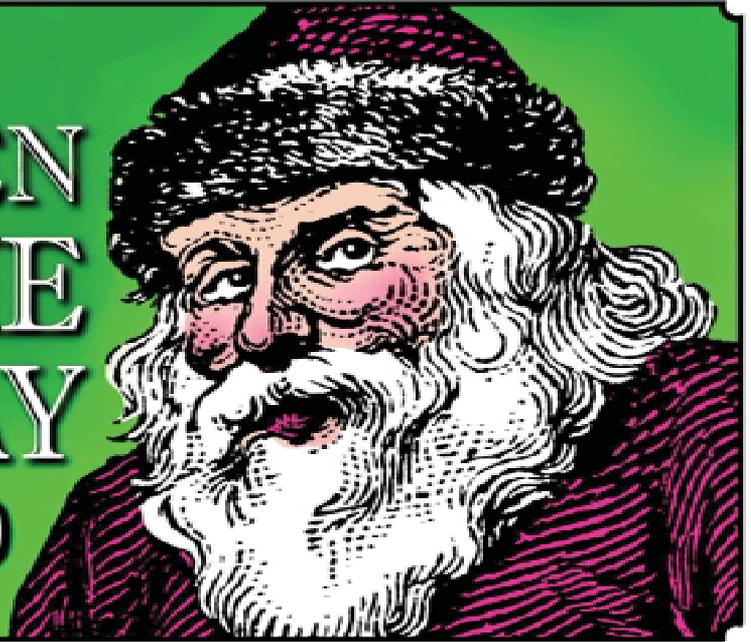
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# FAIRHAVEN OLD-TIME HOLIDAY December 9 & 10



## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

### **Millicent's Holiday Book Fair**

*Local authors signing and selling their books*  
Millicent Library auditorium, 45 Center St. (use Walnut St. entrance), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **Town Hall Shops**

*Booths by non-profit groups, face painting, food music by Fairhaven School Department*  
Town Hall, 40 Center St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **Congregational Church Holiday Fair**

*Craft booths, baked goods, thrift shop & more*  
Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **Unitarian Church Holiday Marketplace**

*Craft booths, holiday greens & more*  
Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

### **Cookies & Santa at Our Lady's Haven**

*Lobby open for cookies & hot chocolate.*  
*Visit and take photos with Santa.*  
Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

### **Unitarian Church Tours**

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

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

Harpor Center, Center St., 11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

### **Lobster Roll Luncheon**

Congregational Church, 34 Center St., 11 a.m. - ?

### **Town Hall Sing-along**

Town Hall, 40 Center St., 6:00 p.m.  
*Sponsored by Fairhaven Improvement Association.*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

### **Historical Society Holiday House Tour**

*Historical homes and buildings open to tour*  
Academy Building, 141 Main St., 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

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

*Music and readings to celebrate the holiday*  
Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., 4:30 p.m.

The Old-Time Holiday is sponsored by Fairhaven non-profit and church groups and is coordinated and promoted by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. Complete program listings are available from <http://Fairhaventours.com>. For more information, contact the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, telephone 508-979-4085, email [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov). The Visitors Center will not be open on Saturday, December 9, during the Old-Time Holiday.