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## Blue Devils fall to Indians on Thanksgiving



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Fairhaven's Zachary Guillotte goes airborne to avoid getting tripped up by Dartmouth Indian defenders for an eight-yard gain for a second down and two. Unfortunately, the Blue Devils lost to the Indians 14-0 in the Thanksgiving Day matchup hosted by Fairhaven. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David.*

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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.

Oh, MJ, we're going to miss you! Fairhaven High School's Vice Principal, MJ Muello, has retired (see page 6).

Now, when I was in high school, the Vice Principal was the feared disciplinarian. And a mean and miserable cuss he was, too.

Things have changed a lot, I know that. But I doubt very much that Vice Principals in other schools are as beloved as MJ is here.

I can't remember if it was the first year that I covered the FHS graduation that I noticed an interesting phenomenon around her, although, probably not because I didn't really know who was who at that point. But it was very early on that I noticed many of the graduates seeking her out to have their pictures taken with her, and giving her a big hug, too.

Every time I saw it, I marveled at the sight.

MJ balked at giving me a real interview for the story. She just wanted to chat. Well, hmm....journalists don't DO that. I had a picture from a few days before, and I jotted down some notes anyway.

Hah...take THAT, Ms. Muello!

Really, though, she's one of those people who renews your faith in humanity.

People in my position meet a lot of people. We don't always meet them when they are at their best.

But this is one of those jobs that, as they leave it, people always say was so wonderful because of all the great people they got to meet. Well, there's a reason you hear it all the time: Because it's true. And MJ is one of those people.

Have a good retirement, MJ.

I hope you'll visit for some of the fun stuff every now and then.

On another note...

It is officially the Christmas season!

Benoit Square is lighting up this weekend (see page 3), Acushnet and New Bedford (pages 8 & 9) are lighting up this weekend, and next week there'll be more caroling, and more hot chocolate and the Big Guy will be all over this part of the world ho-ho-ho-ing and spreading Christmas cheer.

So, get yourself into the Christmas spirit and join in on the festivities. If you already have the spirit, then share it with the rest of us.

And mark your calendar (or phone, or whatever we're using these days) for the Old Time Holiday weekend on 12/9 & 10 (see page 3).

And don't forget there are toy drives and food drives all over the place this time of year. If you're out there spending money on gifts, divert a bit of it to those who are less fortunate.

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Beth David, Publisher

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

# Benoit Square to light up this weeked

This weekend begins the holiday season in earnest. Christmas lights, Santa Claus, hot chocolate and Christmas spirit will be everywhere.

Here are some events you won't want to miss over the next few weekends if you need a little Christmas cheer or want to spread some yourself. Check our Happenings pages, 5, 8, 9, for more events.



## Benoit Square Lighting

**Fri., 12/1, at 6:30 p.m. in Benoit Square, opposite 267 Adams Street, Fairhaven.** 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.

## Nutcracker Journey

**Wed., 12/6, at 10 a.m. in the auditorium downstairs of the Millicent Library, 45 Center St. (Walnut St. entrance), Fairhaven;**

The Millicent Library presents *A Nutcracker Journey* with Kay Hanley Alden, a local dance teacher and choreographer, on The program is open to 3-5 year olds with siblings welcome, and is limited to 20 participants. Please sign up with Ms. Jane.

On this journey, the children will visit faraway places and do movement exploration with the music of the Nutcracker, acting and dancing the parts of the Sugar Plum Fairies, Waltz of the Flowers and the guests from lands faraway: China, Arabia, Spain and Russia. Dance props bring this program to life.

Kay Hanley Alden, a dance

educator, traveled throughout Europe and Asia, taking part in dance exchange programs as well as giving workshops in the United States and Canada and wherever dance took her. She remains active at the Boston Conservatory, where she studied and remains active on the Alumni Board.

"My philosophy is that by developing better motor skills through music children gain confidence. This carries over into their daily sports activities."

Children enjoyed Ms. Alden's May Pole program this past spring. The program is free.

The Millicent Library is accessible. Please contact Jane Murphy, Youth Services Librarian, if you would like to register or have any questions, [jmurphy@sailsinc.org](mailto:jmurphy@sailsinc.org), 508-992-5342.

## 20th annual Old-Time Holiday

Get into the spirit of the holidays and find an array of holiday gifts, food, music, and old-fashioned good cheer by visiting Fairhaven on **Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10, for the 20th annual Old-Time**

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# Selectboard hears that town has 99% tax collection rate

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven Collector/Treasurer/Finance Director Wendy Graves told the Selectboard at its 11/20/17 meeting that her office has nearly a 100% collection rate for property taxes.

That is not to say that everyone is 100% paid up. It just means that everyone is current. People who have gotten behind in tax payments and have set up a payment plan, are considered current and are not in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure by the town.

Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola said he asked Ms. Graves to make a presentation because members of the public had been asking about the process, how many people owe, and who owes taxes to the town.

Ms. Graves said that for 2016, the collection rate was 99.5%, the most recent complete year available. Before that it was 99.9% for three years in a row. Ms. Graves started with the town in 2013.

Ms. Graves also informed the board that the town is required by

law to run an ad in the local paper for those who are delinquent. She included a copy of this year's ad that ran on June 14 in the Standard-Times.

She said the town cannot put a lien on the property without running an ad first.

The process requires that a demand (invoice) be sent in May; then a reminder letter is sent. A letter to the taxpayer is sent with the cut-off date for payment. If not paid in 14 days, the taxpayer is notified that his/her name and address and the amount owed will be published in the paper. After the notice is run in the paper, a lien is put on the property and is then considered "Tax Title." After that, the Treasurer has to wait at least six months to send to Land Court.

Then letters are sent to get the taxpayer to pay off the amount owed or set up a payment plan. If the taxpayer does not comply, then the property goes to land court to be acquired by the town.

"So it's a very formal process, no exceptions," said Mr. Espindola.

"I can't pick and choose," said Ms.

Graves, all names must get published, no matter the amount, large or small that is owed to the town.

She said the town has done no foreclosures (taking of property) this year at all.

Last year (FY17) there were three foreclosures, 33 that went to Land Court, and 22 payoffs.

This year, so far (FY18) 32 have been sent to the attorney for warning letters, and 26 have paid off.

"So, as you can see, I'm very aggressive on tax title," said Ms. Graves.

She said her philosophy is not to wait too long because "the hole gets bigger," and it just makes it more difficult for people to get caught up.

She also does not like to act too quickly, because people often have legitimate reasons for not paying taxes, for instance when an elderly person dies and the heirs are handling the estate.

The top ten property owners who owe the most amount are: Atlas Tack, with five properties totalling: \$619,094; Daniel P Ristuccia, Trustee

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

**Benoit Sq. Lighting**  
Fri. 12/1, at 6:30. See page 3.

## 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.

## Christmas Trees

The Trees have arrived! Boy Scout Troop & Pack 55 are holding their annual Christmas tree and wreath sale at Mike and Wayne's Inc., in Fairhaven. The Scouts will be there Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Scouts and Parents 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.

We have 200 Balsam and Frasier Fir Trees and 48 wreaths for sale. Come early and pick your tree. The height of the trees range from 6-8 ft, prices from \$45-70 depending on the height and fullness.

All Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Troop & Pack 55. Thank you!

## 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.

## 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

### 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 Scoticut Neck Road in Fairhaven, MA. All trees, priced at \$40 each, are donated by the Douglasses so that all proceeds from trees purchased will support 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!

## Looking for Classmates

The committee for the **FHS Class of 1968 50th Reunion**, which will be held June 30, 2018, is searching for the addresses and/or contact

information for a few classmates. We have not been able to make contact with Barbara A. (Sylvia) Carr, Robert Carr, Anne M. (Ferreira) Medeiros and Barbara A. Neve.

We would appreciate any help in locating these class members. Please forward any information (address, email or phone number) you may have to our class email: [fhsclassof68@aol.com](mailto:fhsclassof68@aol.com) or call 508-994-8627 and leave a message with a contact number.

If you were a part of our class before graduation, please know that you are welcome to join us! If you would like to be informed of the details about next year's reunion please use the same means as above to provide your name, address, and email.

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## Town Clerk Study Comm members

On November 20, 2017, The Board of Selectmen voted to appoint members of the community to serve on an Ad Hoc committee to study the position of Town Clerk and to make their recommendations if the position should change from elected to appointed. At this time, the Board of Selectmen is seeking citizens willing to volunteer on the Committee. It is anticipated that the committee will

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# MJ Muello retires from FHS

By Beth David  
Editor

Fairhaven High School Vice Principal MJ (Mary Jane) Muello has officially retired after 39 years in education, 16 at FHS as VP.

Known throughout the school as the person to go to with a problem, Ms. Muello's philosophy can be summed up pretty easily: "They're all good kids," she said.

Former Principal Tara Quirk Kohler, who is now Assistant Superintendent, worked with Ms. Muello for nine years and helped create a culture of acceptance for all students, said Ms. Kohler.

When they first met, they both were wearing a starfish pin, as a reminder of the story of the little boy who walks along a beach that is littered with starfish that got tossed up in a storm. He starts throwing them back one by one. A man tells him that it can't possibly make a difference with so many thousands that need to be saved.

The little boy picks up a starfish, throws it into the water, and says: "It made a difference for that one."

"So, we both connected immediately," said Ms. Kohler. "Her heart was in it for every single kid."

She said Ms. Muello worked tirelessly to make sure each student felt safe and got a good education.

"She was not afraid of the tough conversations with kids or families," said Ms. Kohler.

The focus was always on the students' needs, she said, and it was not something that had to be manufactured.

"It just pours out of her," said Ms. Kohler, who also said she believed a lot of students only graduated because of Ms. Muello's support and belief in them.

And, indeed, on graduation day, it was common to see students seeking her out to take pictures and hug her.

"You don't come across people with that kind of heart and soul for the kids very often," said Ms. Kohler.

Ms. Muello said she had mixed feelings about retiring,

but it was time to go. She also said she had great faith in the new VP, Lauren Millette.

"She has a lot of great ideas," said Ms. Muello, indicating it was time for the youngsters to take over.



L-R: Lauren Millette and MJ Muello pose for a picture for the local free sheet at a recent event at the Fairhaven High School Library. Ms. Millette is the new Vice Principal at FHS, taking over for Ms. Muello, who retired last week. *Neighb News file photo by Beth David.*



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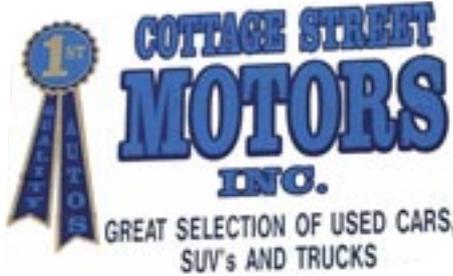
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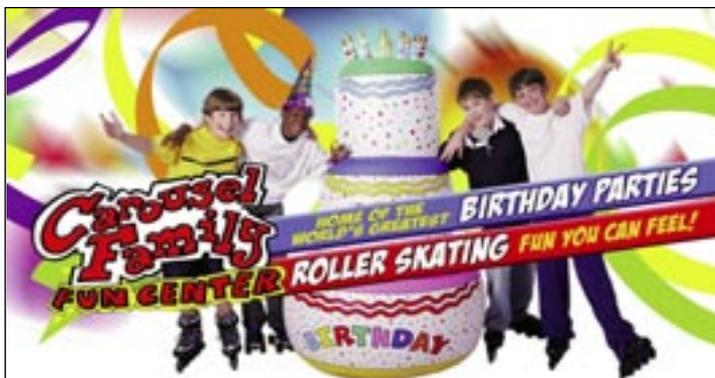


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# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## 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! See page 10 for neighborhood tree lightings in New Bedford.

## 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.

## 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. Boy Scouts first brought the Peace Light to the Fall River Diocese in 2015.

**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.

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.

## Women on Target

The New Bedford Revolver & Rifle Club is sponsoring a Women on Target event on **Sun., 12/10, from noon-5 p.m., at our indoor range, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford.** This FREE event is open to any women who are interested in learning more about firearms and safety. This is not specifically a safety training course that is needed to apply for a license.

**This class is limited to 45 participants and is already half full so register NOW at [info@nbrcc.com](mailto:info@nbrcc.com),** with your name and contact information. Visit [www.nbrcc.com](http://www.nbrcc.com) for more information about the club.

## Biker Toy Run

Old Skool Bikers first toy run for kids, **Sat., 12/9 (rain date 12/10); kicktands up at 12 noon.** Bikes and cars welcome. Starts at **Centro Luzo American Club, 34 Beetle St., New Bedford,** ends with a short ride to Dartmouth.

**Donate new, unwrapped toys or clothes for kids ages 6-11.** Please help make it a "Merry Christmas" for the children. All donations go to local children. Drop off at Centro Luzo American Club.

## Cookies & Paws

A new spin on a Zoo classic...Cookies & Paws, **Sun., 12/3, 10:00-11:30 a.m.** Let your kids

imagination GO WILD as they decorate their very own paw print sugar cookies! Your child will enjoy up-close interactions with some of the Zoo's animal ambassadors while they demonstrate their artistic abilities using candy canes, gum drops, brightly colored icing, and so much more! Continue to share the holidays by taking your creations home for family & friends!

Each guest will be given two paw print cookies to decorate. **Members: \$5 per person; Non-members: \$10 per person, includes admission.** Children 1 & under are free!

Although, Santa will not be at Cookies & Paws, you can catch him at **"Breakfast with Santa & Friends" on Sat., 12/16 or Sun., 12/17.**

Sign up today at [bpzoo.org](http://bpzoo.org) to reserve your spot at this fun-filled holiday event! Space is limited & pre-registration is required!

## Free Holiday 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 **Through Monday, January 1, 2018,** 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.

## Women's Economic Workshop

Treasurer Deb Goldberg's office will hold a Women's Economic workshop at New Bedford High School on December 6th. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-economic-empowerment-series-new-bedford-tickets-39188473780?aff=erelpanelorg>

The Women's Economic Empowerment Series is a financial empowerment workshop to help women gain the tools to secure their economic

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future and reach their full financial potential. **Join us for this FREE workshop**, dinner on us, and participate in high-quality financial education workshops and unique salary negotiation training. This is a project of Massachusetts State Treasurer's Office, in conjunction the Women's Fund of Southeastern Massachusetts, Our Sisters' School of New Bedford and the YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts. This event is sponsored by Citizens Bank.

This program is for women of all ages, ethnicities, economic backgrounds, and levels of fiscal knowl-

edge. Please contact the Office of Economic Empowerment at WEES@tre.state.ma.us for more information.

### Toy Drive

United Way of Greater New Bedford and the New Bedford Firefighters' Union are asking you to donate new, unwrapped toys or gift cards to help bring Christmas joy to all children in our community. **Donations are needed by December 12th** in order for the collection and distribution to organizations that work directly with families in need. Take toys to any of the five fire stations in New Bedford.

Thousands of toys are collected and distributed to agencies in Greater New Bedford each year. Items for all ages from newborns through teens are needed. Gift cards and movie tickets make great gifts for teenage recipients who are often left out of toy drives. All of the items collected will be separated and delivered to local nonprofit organizations that serve youth.

There are a number of other donation locations in New Bedford. Contact United Way of Greater New Bedford with any questions at 508-994-9625 ext. 210.

## HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

### Acushnet 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!

### 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 Billiart 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.

### LaSalette Lights

**Christmas Festival of lights continues 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>

### Stang Book Fair

Join us at Barnes & Noble, Dartmouth, for special events hosted by Bishop Stang on **Sat., 12/2, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. In Store on 12/2 and online from 12/2 to 12/7**

In-Store activities include: 11:00 am Storytime with the Stang cheerleaders; 12:00 noon Performance by Bishop Stang A Capella Choir; 1:00-3:00 pm - Acoustic performance by Maya Tavares '18 and more...

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### Santa Paws

Join us **Sat., 12/11, from 11 am - 2 pm at the Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth.** Pets and family members are invited to have a photo taken with "Santa Paws"! **Donation per photo is \$15.00;** all proceeds benefit the HSSSC. For more information please call 508.995.6661.

### Acush. Street Lights

The Town of Acushnet took official ownership of all of the street light fixtures within the Town from Eversource. Many of the fixtures have burned out bulbs or have wiring issues that have prevented them from working. The Town currently budgets \$60,000 to pay the light bills from the street lights. Through the efforts of Building Commissioner James Marot and a grant from Green Communities, we will be switching the fixtures to LED's over the next two years. The Town has contracted to have the fixtures re-lamped and repaired.

MV Electric commenced work on November 28th. They did 31 heads on the 28th beginning near the southerly most point of Conduit Street and will continue going up Middle Road.

If there is a street light in need of attention, please report it at <https://www.acushnet.ma.us/town-administrator/webforms/report-a-streetlight-outage>

# Recipe of the Week

## Cherry Pineapple Blondies

- 2 1/2 cups flour
  - 1 1/2 tps baking powder
  - 1/2 tsp salt
  - 1 3/4 cups brown sugar
  - 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) softened butter
  - 2 large eggs
  - 1 tsp vanilla
  - 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
  - 8 oz. candied red or green cherries
  - 8 oz. candied pineapple wedges
- Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 15x10" jelly roll pan.

In a small bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. In a large bowl, beat brown sugar and butter until creamy; beat in eggs, vanilla and flour mixture; mix until blended.

Cut candied cherries and pineapple and add to mixture, add chocolate chips and mix until well blended.

Spread into prepared pan and bake in 350° oven 25-35 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool for two hours and cut into squares

*By Nicole Gaines*

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have six members.

Citizens interested in being considered for appointment to the Town Clerk Study Committee must submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen. Letters of interest should include: name and contact information (telephone, email address and mailing address) along with an explanation of why you are interested in serving on the Town Clerk Study Committee, what qualifications you may bring to the Committee and how you are knowledgeable in Town affairs.

Letters of interest should be addressed to Town of Fairhaven, Selectmen's Office and submitted as follows. Via Mail: Town Clerk Study Committee, Attn.: Vicki L. Paquette, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Via Email: selectmen@Fairhaven-MA.gov

**Submissions are due by Thursday, December 14, 2017 by 4:30 p.m.**

## Nom Papers Avail.

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

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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. For more info, contact the Town Clerk's office, 508-979-4025, Ext. 3.

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# Traditional Thanksgiving Day matchup goes to visitors



The traditional football game matchup between the Fairhaven High School Blue Devils and the Dartmouth Indians ended up with a 14–0 win for Dartmouth at the Fairhaven field. The Blue Devils got painfully close to getting on the board a few times, but just couldn't make it over the line. ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT: Fairhaven's Jacob Cadeix only makes it back to the line of scrimmage before the Dartmouth defenders stop him. BELOW LEFT: Fairhaven's Chance Negalia pivots to get through the Dartmouth defenders, and it takes more than one Dartmouth Indian to take him down (BELOW MIDDLE & RIGHT). BOTTOM LEFT: Fairhaven's Brady Bennett looks for an open receiver as he gets ready to pass the ball. BOTTOM RIGHT: Fairhaven's Flynn Bourgault gets taken down by Dartmouth in the traditional Fairhaven-Dartmouth matchup on Thanksgiving Day. *Photos by Beth David.*



# Bikers and Lions fill trucks for kids, families

By Beth David  
Editor

The Acushnet Lions Club, Rivers End, the Boy Scouts, and some pretty hardy motorcycle riders teamed up to make the holidays a little bit brighter for some local families.

A happy crowd met outside the River's End on Main Street in Acushnet on Sunday to receive donations of food and toys. They

filled a dump truck and a pickup truck, that both eventually ended up at the Shepherd's Food Pantry in Acushnet.

Cost to join the motorcycle run was \$10, one toy and one non-perishable food item.

Approximately 40 bike riders donned their cold weather riding gear and joined the ride. Lots of other people stopped by just to throw in a

toy or a bag of food to the mix. Linda and Chris Taylor donated a hatchback full of toys from the Adam Taylor Memorial Foundation.

This is the eighth year the Rivers End has sponsored the drive with the Lions Club.

To learn more about the Shepherd's Pantry, call 508-763-9289, or visit <http://www.shepherdspantry.org/>

See page 18 for more photos.



The Acushnet Lions Club and the River's End sponsored a toy and food drive motorcycle run on Sunday, 11/26. Food was collected at River's End and delivered to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. ABOVE LEFT: Two Boys Scouts team up to hand off a large box of food from the dump truck. ABOVE RIGHT: Pat and Cheryl Souza fly the America flag with them on the ride from Rivers End to the Shepherd's Food Pantry. BELOW: The Boy Scouts hold the banner for the group shot. *Photos by Beth David. See page 19 for more photos.*



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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

12/6: Newport Grand, Middletown  
Xmas shop

12/13: Hyannis Mall, Xmas shop,  
trader Joes

### 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**  
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#### **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.

#### **Healthy 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

### 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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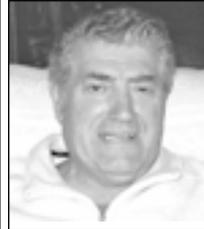
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## From our readers

### Thank you for helping us clean up the shore

I just wanted to say thank you for posting our events all year!!!! I really appreciate it!!!!

We picked up 1,961 pounds of debris and 62 hypodermics this year.

Many of the volunteers that joined saw our notice in the *Neighb News*.

Mary Lou Nicholson  
*Be the Solution to Pollution*

### Espindola is not for the little guy

Once again [Fairhaven] Selectman [Robert] Espindola wants to reach into the taxpayers' pockets for more money.

At the property tax rate review in the last meeting (see 11/23/17 issue) he was pursuing an approach to shift more of the tax burden from businesses to homeowners.

This is the same guy who wanted to reach in your pocket for a pay as you throw trash policy a few years ago.

It is evidently clear that protecting the homeowners dollars is not high on his priority list. He is 0 for 2. He seems adamant about increasing our

living expenses instead of finding ways to stretch our dollars.

He claims his stance in promoting a shift in the tax rate from business to homeowners is because some have told him the tax rate in Fairhaven hurts businesses. Really? The tax rate is far worse in New Bedford and Fall River yet businesses are opening daily in those cities.

Breaking News Mr. Espindola, many fellow homeowners in town tell me that water, sewer, and tax bills make it hard for them to live in Fairhaven. Who is speaking for them?

The experts told Mr. Espindola that if he wants to lower business costs it is best achieved through a TIF, Tax Incremental Financing, on a case by case basis, but after saying he was quite familiar with TIFs he persisted in his desire to look at shifting a higher tax burden on homeowners and away from businesses in the future.

These are simply amazing thoughts and evidence of being tone deaf to the realities of the average person. A good number of people in this town are seniors with no wage increase while many others also do

not work for multinational companies that offer annual wage increases that can absorb these non sensical added taxes and or fees he promotes again and again.

Hopefully, next year or whenever he seeks to pursue this approach the other Selectmen will vote to block this nonsense.

Adam F Abelha, Fairhaven

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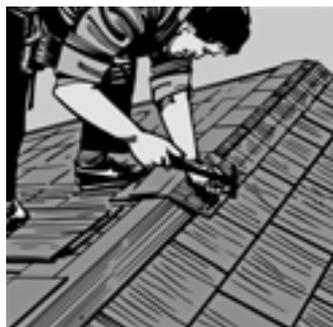


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## FHS graduate wins art award

By Beth David  
Editor

Jacob Cabral may have graduated from Fairhaven High School, but he is still making his alma mater proud. He has won the Rising Star Secondary Student Award for 2017 from the Mass. Art Education Association.

In its notification to Mr. Cabral, the MAEA wrote: "Your passion and dedication to the arts and creative learning make a powerful impact on our community! Thank you for the great work you do in the field and to your contribution to teaching and learning in Massachusetts."

Mr. Cabral's mother, Jane Cabral, said the her son is an "amazing artist and an even more incredible person."

She said Jacob's father has been battling serious health issues for the past two years, and it has been tough on Jacob.

"But he has never lost his passion for art," said Ms. Cabral.

She also gave a shout-out to the FHS art department. Art teacher Jamie Lynch nominated Jacob for the award. Both Ms. Lynch and FHS art teacher Christine Neville were on hand when Mr. Cabral received the

award on November 11 at the MAEA conference.

Mr. Cabral, who is a freshman at Mass. College of Art, plans to major in Art Education and follow in the footsteps of his art teachers at FHS, according to the program book bio.

He said he had forgotten about filling out the application in the summer until right before he moved to Mass. Art.

"My teacher had texted, emailed and called me all in a span of 10 minutes early one morning to congratulate me because she was notified that I won," said Mr. Cabral in an email. "I was surprised and very excited."

He said Ms. Lynch then submitted some of his artwork to show during the awards ceremony.

"I am very grateful for this award because it is a true testament to the quality of students that leave the FHS art program," wrote Mr. Cabral. "The teachers conditioned us to be working artists in a time where many might question the legitimacy of being an artist. I am excited to test my limits and grow as an artist and this award reassured me that I will

continue to grow and change."

He said both Ms. Lynch and Ms. Neville "are big inspirations."

Mr. Cabral is from Fairhaven and graduated from FHS this spring.



Fairhaven High School art teachers Christine Neville (LEFT) and Jamie Lynch (RIGHT) celebrate with Jacob Cabral after he receives the Rising Star Secondary Student Award for 2017 from the Mass. Art Education Association at an awards ceremony on Nov. 11. *Submitted photo.*

## High School holds reading party for youngsters

By Beth David  
Editor

Beth Whinnem, teacher and librarian at Fairhaven High School, is on a mission to develop a community of readers in the schools.

So she hosted a reading party for young story lovers, some too young to read themselves. About 30 people

joined her, the book and writing clubs, and other volunteers for a walk-through reading of Laura Numeroff's "If You Give a Pig a Party."

Volunteers helped the children, aged 2-7, read, make crafts, and write stories. Ms. Whinnem said she hopes for an even bigger turnout for the free event next time.

"The story ended in our small cafeteria with a party — balloons, cookies, cupcakes — and coloring," wrote Ms. Whinnem in an email. "When done partying, they could come back to make puppets and bookmarks to leave with."

Find them on Twitter at #DevilsRead and #FairhavenReads.



Greg and Hudson Davis (LEFT) and Nicole and Ben Potter (RIGHT) move through a reading of "If You Give a Pig a Party" at the reading party at the Fairhaven High School library for children aged 2-7 on Monday, 11/20. *Submitted photos.*

## COA serves Thanksgiving Dinner to seniors



Thanks to a very generous donation from Lisa Bindas & Jaci Barnett (Owners of Just Gotta Have It in Fairhaven), the Fairhaven social day seniors enjoyed a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, 11/16, which included turkey and all the fixings. *Submitted photos.*

## More photos from the toy drive



ABOVE LEFT: Volunteers unload food and toys from the truck for the Shepherd's Pantry for the motorcycle run, toy and food drive sponsored by the Acushnet Lions Club on Sunday, 11/26. *See page 13 for story.* Linda and Christopher Taylor deliver a hatchback full of toys from the Adam Taylor Memorial Foundation. BELOW LEFT: 2017 Miss Apple Peach, Hailey Brightma helps to unload items. BELOW RIGHT: The Boy Scouts form an assembly line to transfer toys from a vehicle to the truck. *Photos by Beth David.*



# Notes from the Visitors Center

by *Chris Richard*  
**Director of Tourism**

December 2017

Greetings.

Some of the things we do in Fairhaven during December are long-time traditions and some are newer events on their way to becoming traditions.

The first event on this month's calendar is one that has been repeated year after year for quite a long time. It's the Lighting of Benoit Square by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, which is taking place this year on Friday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m.

The NFIA decorated the square last weekend as they have been doing since the 1950s. Some of the decorations have changed, but the format is pretty similar. There will be the singing of carols as the lights are lighted. Then Santa will arrive on an antique fire truck to visit with the children and hand out treats. After Friday, the square will brighten North Fairhaven every night until after New Year's Day.

The following weekend is the Old-Time Holiday, which will be held for the twentieth time. (Yep, it was first started in 1998.) You can find details about it elsewhere, including at [FairhavenTours.com](http://FairhavenTours.com), on Facebook, and in the pages of the local papers, including this one. I won't repeat the whole thing here. Please do come out on Saturday, December 9, though, because there is a lot going on in the center of town.

One week after Christmas itself the annual Polar Plunge will take place at Fort Phoenix on Monday, January 1, at 10:00 a.m. This year the theme for the plunge is "Your Favorite Disney Movie." The proceeds from pledges made during the plunge will benefit Dollars for Scholars in memory of victims of domestic violence. There will be a limited number of T-shirts available to those who pledge \$25 or more. On the morning of December 1, there will be changing tents, porta-johns and a warming fire as well as refreshments at the fort. For information, email Kathy Lopes at [lopeska@aol.com](mailto:lopeska@aol.com).

What's going on at the Office of Tourism while all these holiday and year-end events are taking place?

Well, believe it or not, it's already budget season. Department budgets for FY'19 have to be submitted by Friday, December 22. So by then, all of us in Town government need to know what we're going to need to spend up to a year and a half from now. (Fiscal Year 2019 runs from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.)

These are the budgets that will be voted on at the May 5, 2018, Town Meeting. So if I think I'll need toner for the laser printer in June 2019, the money for it needs to be in the budget request I turn in three weeks from now. It's a crazy system, but that's how it works. Besides payroll for the one and only Office of Tourism employee, the major expenditures in my annual budget are for advertising and for the special events put on by my office. I'm hoping to be able to increase those line items a bit to meet

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rising costs and to promote the town more than I'm doing now.

Last month I went to a meeting about a bike share program that could be instituted in town sometime in the future. This is when a company has bicycles available at different locations around town that people can unlock using a cell phone app and pay by the hour to rent them. A program like this is being started in New Bedford soon.

The meeting I went to was with a different company with a somewhat different set-up. It was an interesting idea, but there were a few details the company really needs to iron out before we'll be seeing this here in Fairhaven, I think. Developing such a program is on the list of priorities set by the Board of Selectmen, though,

and the Bikeway Committee will be looking into different options, I'm sure.

During the last week, there was some filming going on in our area — including here in Fairhaven — for a documentary on the Lizzie Borden case. It will be an episode on a mystery-solving TV series. As you might know, Fairhaven figures into the story a bit because Lizzie's sister Emma had been staying in town with friends when the Borden murders took place in Fall River in August 1892. In the days following the murders, the owners of the house where Emma was staying were interviewed by police and by a least one newspaper reporter.

On a pretty regular basis we have folks visit because of their interest in the case. A couple of times in the past I have guided tours for groups of "Lizzie Borden people," and the burial place of a key player in the Borden investigation is visited during the Riverside Cemetery walking tours. I will try to alert you ahead of time when this TV episode airs, but sometime these things slip by me. Fairhaven was recently featured again on an episode of *Chronicle* and I completely missed it.

That's about it for now but before closing I must say this. As we proceed through this holiday shopping season, be sure to stop by the many great shops here in town when you're buying gifts. Virtually all of the restaurants offer gift certificates, too. Shopping in Fairhaven keeps our friends and neighbors employed and contributes to the local economy that in turn keeps our community alive. Developing and supporting the local economy is what the Office of Tourism is all about.

As always, please feel free to pass along your comments or suggestions. You can contact me via email at [FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov](mailto:FairhavenTours@fairhaven-ma.gov), by calling 508-979-4085, or by stopping by the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street. The hours of the Office of Tourism are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a half-hour break around noon. There are some reserved parking spaces in the high school lot closest to the Academy Building.

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### Town of Fairhaven Notice of Public Hearing 2016 CDBG –Review & 2018 CDBG – Application Process

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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Christmas waves a  
magic wand over this  
world, and behold,  
everything is softer  
and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale

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with five properties totalling \$185,101; Bernard Jacobvitz, Trustee, \$149,006; Diane King and James Hallet, \$128,920; Eric and Wayne, Stroud: \$85,796; Richard Dussault, \$73,237; Fairhaven American Legion Post 166, \$60,924 Joseph and Elaina Grota, \$52,840; Frederick Gautreau, \$45,352; Terry Letton, \$42,353.

Not of all the above properties are in danger of being taken for taxes. Some property owners have arranged payment plans with the town and, therefore, are considered current not in default.

Ristuccia and Jacobvitz are in Land Court; Stroud is in the process of being sent to Land Court; Post 166 had a hearing recently and the Post and town are waiting for the ruling. The others are on payment plans.

The town publishes the information once a year, usually in June.

## Fairhaven Meetings

### Board of Appeals

Tues., 1/2/18, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Board of Assessors

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

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 12/11, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Planning Board

Tues., 12/12, 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., 12/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### Historical Commission

Tues., 12/5, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

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

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Monday	4	0757	2026	0058*	1351*
Tuesday	5	0850	2119	0154*	1445*
Wednesday	6	0942	2213	0250*	1532*
Thursday	7	1036	2310	0340*	1618*
Friday	8	1134	----	0431*	1711*
Saturday	9	0012	1235	0534	1832
Sunday	10	0111	1332	0759	2025

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## OLD-TIME: cont'd from page 3

**Holiday in the historical town center.** Over the years it has become one of Fairhaven's favorite events.

In December 1998, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism first launched what was then called the "Very Victorian Holiday," bringing together about thirty non-profit, school, and church groups to create a weekend filled with old-fashioned holiday events. Previously, independent groups had held fairs, bazaars, concerts, luncheons, house tours, sing-alongs, and other activities over the course of several weeks between mid-November and Christmas. What was different in 1998 was that most of those events were moved to a single weekend and promoted as one big, holiday package, wrapped in a Victorian theme, with the public able to walk from location to location in the center of town.

"It was during my second year as the town's Tourism Director when two women suggested the idea of a weekend festival," says Christopher Richard, who coordinates and promotes the event. "Millicent Allen and Helen Radcliffe were both enthusiastic about holiday strolls and similar events they had seen in other communities. The churches and civic organizations were very cooperative in putting it together that first year. A few weeks after the first Victorian Holiday took place, I held a meeting where the representatives of all the different groups more or less unanimously decided it should become an annual event."

The weekend slate of activities has been repeated every year since, with the only change being the switch of the name from "Victorian" to "Old-Time" so that it was not bound to a specific historical time period.

### **Holiday Fair with handmade crafts, baked goods, holiday greens**

As always, most of the Old-Time Holiday events take place during the day on Saturday, December 9. Both the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, and the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, will hold fairs, with church members and outside vendors displaying a wide variety of items for sale. In a similar vein, about 25 of the town's non-profit and school groups will have tables in the auditorium of the Town Hall, 40 Center Street. At these locations you'll find handmade crafts,

gifts, holiday greens, delicious baked goods, gift baskets, silent auction items to bid on, and more.

### **Entertainment and children's activities**

In the Town Hall there will also be face painting and a few children's activities along with live music performed by Fairhaven Music students. All three fairs run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



### **Church Tours**

The Unitarian Church, a magnificent English-Gothic style "cathedral," will also give guided tours of the sanctuary during the day.

### **Book fair**

The Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, will hold a book fair with many local authors signing and selling their books. From 10:00 to 2:00, authors will take turns presenting short readings from their works. It is a great way to support local writers and find great gifts for the readers on your list.

### **Cookies and Santa**

A short walk away, the lobby of the

beautiful, Tudor style Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street, will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for visits and photos with Santa. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

### **Lunch**

As lunch time rolls around, food will be available at three locations. A lobster roll luncheon will be held at the First Congregational Church. A soup and sandwich luncheon will take place at the Harrop Center 47 Center Street, an Elizabethan style cottage on the Unitarian Church property. On the Town Hall lawn, Boy Scout Troop 52 will be selling hotdogs, and in the first floor banquet room of the Town Hall the North Fairhaven Improvement Association will serve hot soups.

### **Sing-along**

At 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, the Fairhaven Improvement Association hosts its annual Sing-Along on the steps of Town Hall. There will be caroling and the arrival of Santa on a fire engine. Then hot chocolate and snacks will be available inside in the auditorium.

### **SUNDAY, 12/10**

#### **Holiday House Tours**

On Sunday, December 10, the Fairhaven Historical Society sponsors a Holiday House Tour from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at the Millicent Library, 40 Center Street, or Euro, 24 Center Street, Fairhaven. Or they may be ordered online at <https://holidayhousetour2017.eventbrite.com>

On the day of the tour, tickets are \$25, and are to be purchased at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, which is the starting location of the tour, where you must pick up your map. For more information, email [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com)

#### **Service of Lessons & Carols**

The final event of the weekend is a Service of Lessons and Carols at the Unitarian Memorial Church on Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. It features seasonal readings and music by the church choir, under the direction of Dwight Thomas. All are welcome. Donations are accepted.

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- ◆ Steve Berg, *A Christian in Loved*
- ◆ Maureen Boyle, *Shallow Graves*
- ◆ Red Cummings, *Murder, Manslaughter, and Mayhem in the South Coast*
- ◆ Richard Cutler, *Course Correction*
- ◆ Gioia Dimock, *Whaling in Massachusetts*
- ◆ Robert Demanche, *The Last of the Fairhaven Coasters*
- ◆ Michael Dyer, *Original Art of the Yankee Whale Hunt*
- ◆ J. A. Hijiya, *A Piece of Valiant Dust*
- ◆ George Holt, Jr. and Elizabeth Palm, *Run Away to Glory — Helen's Story*
- ◆ Sheri Breault Kreitner, *The Prodigal Son; & Secrets of Syn, vol. 1*
- ◆ Beth Luey, *House Stories; & The Harmonious Child*
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