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Santa joins the Town Hall sing-along



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TOP LEFT: Cameron isn't quite sure of Santa's beard, while Zoe checks out the photographer at the annual Town Hall Sing-along on Saturday, 12/9/17. TOP RIGHT: Cameron still isn't sure of the big guy, but seems to be warming up as he looks to Zoe for help. ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT: Cameron figures out that he gets to keep the coloring book and seems pretty happy about it. See page 13 for story. *Photos by Beth David.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Okay, this is it: THE LAST ISSUE (of the year...the year, don't panic). We are now officially on our two-week break.

See you next year!

Meanwhile, there are still some fun events going on this holiday season, including a sleigh ride (okay, it's a wagon pulled by a tractor) in Acushnet (see page 3), lights, toy drives, Santa appearances, and holiday concerts. You'll have to flip through the pages, though, to find them all.

We didn't totally ignore meeting coverage this week. (see page 4). And, although we do have a couple of serious stories for people who are dealing with tragedy this year (see pages 18 & 22), the Christmas spirit definitely dominates this issue.

Our cover story is about the Town Hall Sing-along (page 13), and opposite that you'll find the Old-Time Holiday

Juts a tad of snow came in on Saturday, making the center of town look just glorious. The church bells were ringing out Christmas carols and people were bustling from one vendor fair to the other, stopping for a bite to eat, and just enjoying the day. The kids had a blast.

The snow did not seem to keep people away at all. It made the town center very festive and Christmas-y. Santa made an appearance, too, and that's always a good thing.

During this time of plenty, and reckless spending, please try to take some time to remember those who are less fortunate. The food pantry is very busy this time of year. The all-volunteer group does its best to give each family that uses the pantry a special meal on the holidays. So, they can especially use the kinds of canned goods that you would use for a special meal, and they can definitely use good old-fashioned money and gift cards so they can get what they need to fill those special baskets.

Well, that's it. No brilliant Christmas message this year, alas. Just a simple HAPPY HOLIDAYS to everyone. Whichever holiday you celebrate, from religious to New Year's, I truly hope it goes smoothly. I hope your relatives behave, your drunk uncles don't drive, and your gift giving and receiving are filled with wondrous surprises and no one goes bankrupt over it.

Until next year then, see you on January 4 (unless I hit the lottery).



Beth David, Publisher

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Support the Food Pantry

This bin is in the Walnut Street lobby of the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Another bin is at Stop & Shop. All food goes to the Shepherd's Pantry, 1215 Main Street, Acushnet (508-763-9289). The pantry has seen a sharp increase in families seeking food due to the worsening economy.



The Pantry spends more than \$5,500 each month to keep the shelves stocked. It serves more than 120 families each week.

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

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Toy drives, trees and Santa visits continue



More events on 5, 8, 9

Sleigh Ride

Come one, come all for the 2nd Annual Acushnet DPW Sleigh Ride at the Council on Aging building, 59½ South Main St., Acushnet, on Fri. & Sat., 12/15 & 12/16, from 5-7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. After enjoying your ride through the woods warm up with hot chocolate, juice and cookies. (No, it's not a real sleigh, so it's still on even if there is no snow.)

Contact the Acushnet Council on Aging, 508-998-0280.

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.

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. 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>

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. 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!

Santa, lights & more in New Bedford

The City of New Bedford has many holiday events scheduled, including New Year's celebration.

For complete details, visit <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/blog/news/new-bedford-celebrate-2017-holiday-season-many-festive-community-events/>

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BPW hires for Water Department, discusses recycling fees

Mary Macedo

Neighb News Correspondent

At its meeting on Monday, 12/11 the Fairhaven Board of Public Works hired a new heavy motor equipment operator water system maintenance man for the Water Department and discussed 2018 recycling fees.

The board first briefly discussed a Water Department grievance. BPW Chairperson Mike Ristuccia explained that the person associated with the grievance could not attend the meeting, but wrote a letter to the board.

BPW member Brian Wotton suggested that the letter not be read out loud at the meeting because it names certain people involved in the grievance, and has to do with a personnel matter that the board was scheduled to discuss during executive session.

The board voted to table the discussion for executive session.

The board then interviewed Daryl Snell for the heavy motor equipment operator water system maintenance position for the Water Department.

Mr. Snell said that he has worked

for the Highway Department for seven years as a truck driver and laborer. He said he believed he can bring a lot of experience to the job.

"I'm looking for change and advancement," Mr. Snell said.

He told the board he was aware that he must get his D3 T1 licenses and has already begun getting the course materials.

Mr. Wotton noted that Mr. Snell will need to get the first license within a year. BPW Superintendent Vinny Furtado explained that Mr. Snell must first get the D1 license and hold it for a year before going for the D2, D3 etc.

BPW board member Robert "Hoppy" Hobson explained that the job requires a lot of overtime. He also told Mr. Snell he may not be hired on the top step because the board has been having issues and grievances filed due to some employees being hired on the top step.

Mr. Snell said that the new position will be 19 cents less than his current one and he would like the board to hold it at that.

Mr. Wotton made a motion to hire Mr. Snell for the position with the pay

rate to be determined by Administrative Assistant Kathy Tripp and with the stipulation that Mr. Snell get his first license within a year,

The motion passed unanimously.

In another matter the board discussed the 2018 recycling fees. Ms. Tripp explained to the board that the town is making no money from the recycling center and is using a town employee's time there when those hours could be used elsewhere more cost effectively.

Mr. Hobson said he did not want to raise the recycling fee. He asked the other board members if they wanted to raise the fee.

Mr. Ristuccia said he was not sure.

Board member Cameron Durant said that keeping the fee low encourages people to recycle.

Mr. Wotton said he was not on either side because it was costing the town employee hours and was not making the town money. He said that no matter what the town residents will be paying, whether or not they raise the recycling stickers or raise something else, the town residents

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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Mothers Club Donations

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club has made its annual gift to Fairhaven families in need of help during the holidays. This year, six families at Wood School were given gift cards. The club usually has a total of \$1000 available, raised through its booth at the Old Time Holiday Fair and a spring card party. This year, we received an anonymous gift of \$500, enabling us to help more families.

The Fairhaven Mothers' Club has been supporting families and children in Fairhaven for more than a hundred years.

Cat Show

Cat Fanciers' Federation is proud to present its annual holiday **Allbreed Cat Show from 10 am to 4 pm on Sat. & Sun., 12/16 & 17, at the Seaport Inn & Marina in Fairhaven.**

This event will feature judging of mixed-breed household pets along with purebred cats including the Abyssinian, Ragdoll, Persian, Maine Coon, Scottish Fold, Exotic Shorthair, and more.

Spectators can also vote for their favorite cat. You don't have to be a fancy feline to enter our shows! Several animal rescue groups with adoptable cats will be there to raise money. Take a chance on our raffle tables, and buy some locally made crafts and items from vendors in the New England area.

Meet Robin A.F. Olson, award-winning author of the blog "Covered in Cat Hair" www.coveredincathair.com and founder of Kitten Associates cat rescue in Connecticut. Robin will also be a guest judge for our household pet class. **Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for kids, seniors, veterans; free for kids under 6.**

The Cat Fanciers' Federation is a 501c7 not-for-profit organization and is one of the oldest feline registries in the United States. For more information on this show, visit tinyurl.com/cffcatshows

Solstice Stroll

Enjoy a spectacular sunrise over Buzzards Bay on a winter solstice walk with the Buzzards Bay Coalition on **Thurs., 12/21 at 6:30 a.m.** During this hour-long walk, you'll take in

beautiful morning views as you walk through the forest to the **scenic salt marsh at West Island State Reservation (163 Fir St., Fairhaven).**

Bundle up for this early morning stroll! Pre-registration is required. To RSVP, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/winter-solstice-sunrise-stroll-dec-21-2017/ or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at 508-999-6363 ext. 219, bayadventures@savebuzzardsbay.org.

This event is part of Discover Buzzards Bay, an initiative to help people across the Buzzards Bay region find unique and exciting ways to explore the outdoors, get some exercise and connect with nature. Local residents can use Discover Buzzards Bay to get outside and discover woods, wetlands and waterways from Fall River to Falmouth. To learn more, visit savebuzzardsbay.org/discover. Discover Buzzards Bay is sponsored by Southcoast Health.

Health Van

The Southcoast Wellness Van travels across the region bringing health screenings into the communities of southeastern Massachusetts, offering a variety of services. For more information and to schedule free screenings, please call Susan Oliveira, RN, at 508-973-8740 or email oliveiras@southcoast.org. You can also check the schedule on www.southcoast.org or follow Southcoast Health on Facebook and Twitter.

FAIRHAVEN: Wed., 12/27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Walmart, 42 Fairhaven Commons. Health Screenings & Vaccines

Snow parking ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1 to March 31 from midnight to 8:00 am and also during the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west.

The BPW is authorized to remove, or cause to be removed, to some convenient place, including a public garage, any vehicle interfering with the work of removing or plowing

snow or ice from any way, and the cost of such removal with all storage charges resulting there from shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle.

The Fairhaven Police Department will strictly enforce this Parking Ban. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed. By Order of Fairhaven Board of Public Works.

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 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.

Fairhaven

Protecting Society

Fairhaven Protecting Society is looking for new members. There will be an organizational **meeting on Mon. 1/15, at 6:30 p.m., at the Fairhaven Fire Department meeting room.** The Protecting Society was originally created in the mid-1800s to assist the fire department with preserving property at fire scenes. Today the role of the Protecting Society will be to preserve and protect the historic artifacts and apparatus of the town's fire service.

Nom Papers Avail.

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

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

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

Douglass Tree Sale hits another record

By Beth David
Editor

The annual Christmas tree sale at Douglass Tree Farm in Fairhaven hit another record this weekend. According to owner Dick Douglass, the sales on Saturday alone totaled \$11,719.

"We never had a Saturday that good," said Mr. Douglass.

The weekend's total was \$17,562.

Although many people give extra, making it hard to count, Mr. Douglass said he could safely say that they sold about 260 trees. Trees are \$40 each, but many people give \$50 or more.

"That's a tree every couple of minutes," he said.

And that was despite the wet weather, which dumped a couple of inches of very wet snow that turned to rain in the neighborhood.

This year, a couple of the TV stations picked up the story, giving the little tree sale a big boost. All proceeds from the sale go to support research on ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

The farm has a large group of volunteers who help people cut down their trees and put them on their

vehicles. He has a host of regulars who come every year, including neighbors and students. On Saturday the high school basketball team helped out, on Sunday it was students from the Northeast Maritime Institute.

"You can't get it done without volunteers," said Pam Douglass.

For many, the annual trek to the farm to pick and cut down their own tree is a family tradition. Last year, the sale was called off because of the drought, so many people were especially grateful to have their family tradition back.

"It's a lot of fun, it's a great experience," said Jill Muldoon, who was there with her family on Sunday, despite the temperature in the 20's and a stiff wind. "We missed it last year."

"It's a family tradition," said Anne Ponichtera-DeNardis, who was hauling out a pretty big tree with her husband Dan, while daughter Julia pulled up the rear and daughter Stefanie kept the family dogs occupied. "It's a great challenge, it's a good time."

Gail Costello and Rodney Immer-



L-R: Dan DeNardis, Ann DeNardis, Julia (in back), Stefanie and the family dogs Hercules and Bella, continue the family tradition of cutting down their tree at the Douglass Tree Farm on Sunday, 12/10. Photo by Beth David.

man have only been in Fairhaven for a few years, and went to the farm on Sunday for the first time.

"We're still experiencing," said Ms. Costello. ●●●

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TUE DEC 26 CAROUSEL KIDS IN FAIRHAVEN 10-11:30AM OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	WED DEC 27 OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM FAMILY JACKPOT NIGHT 6-8PM	THU DEC 28 CAROUSEL KIDS IN FAIRHAVEN 10-11:30AM OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM	FRI DEC 29 OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM OPEN SESSION 7-10PM
SAT DEC 30 SKATING CLASS 9-10AM (OUTDOOR LOCATIONS) OPEN SESSION 2-4:30PM OPEN SESSION 7-10PM	SUN DEC 31 NEW YEARS EVE SKATE 2-4:30PM	MON JAN 1 NEW YEARS DAY SKATE 2-4:30PM	

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Breakfast with Santa & Friends

Sat. & Sun., 12/16 & 17, Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Street. Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, share your wish list with Santa and meet some of the Zoo's favorite resident animals. Free train and carousel rides, weather permitting, are included. Space is limited, so reserve your spot. **Zoo Members: \$20 per person. Non-members: \$25 per person**, includes Zoo admission. Children under 1 are free. Visit www.bpzoo.org.

Holiday Pops Concert

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's Family Holiday Pops Concert: Sat., 12/16, at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street. Tickets: \$20 / \$28 / \$35 / \$43. Students 22 & under: \$10 are available at Box Office. Visit www.zeiterion.org

Come celebrate the holiday season with the NBSO in this fun, festive concert! The Family Holiday Pops Concerts feature all the holiday music you love, played by our great

orchestra. With our family-friendly atmosphere and choice of performance times, this is the perfect family holiday outing. Make your holiday season sparkle with a special experience only the NBSO can provide.

Tree Lighting

Bullard Street Neighborhood Association, Sat., 12/17, at 6:30 p.m., Riverside Park on the corner of Belleville Avenue and Tallman Street

Custom House Square Shop Saturday

Sat, 12/17, Noon-5:00 p.m., Custom House Square (Intersection of William Street and Acushnet Avenue in the Historic Downtown)

Downtown will be full of holiday spirit, with an array of festive activities in and around Custom House Square including: Free horse drawn carriage rides, pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Claus on the big red sled, and much more. Visit www.destinationnewbedford.org/events

Candlelight Service

Seamen's Bethel Christmas

Candlelight Service, featuring Sisters in Song, Sun., 12/17, at 4:00 p.m., Seamen's Bethel, 15 Johnny Cake Hill

City Celebrates! New Year's Eve

Sun., 12/31, Downtown New Bedford. Ring in the New Year with amazing street performers and spectacular fireworks from State Pier on New Bedford's waterfront.

Starts at 5 p.m. on Sun., 12/31, Downtown New Bedford, Purchase St. & William St. FREE Free

New Bedford area residents and visitors are invited to enjoy an evening full of free family-friendly programming on New Year's Eve in Downtown New Bedford's Seaport Cultural District to bid farewell to 2017 and ring in the New Year!

Program highlights throughout the evening include fire eaters, stilt walkers, an ice sculpture, live music, delicious food, and many more festive activities **in and around Custom House square from 5PM-8PM**. The evening will culminate with a spectacular **fireworks display from**

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City Celebrates New Year's Eve is presented by the City of New Bedford, Mayor Jon Mitchell, in collaboration with the Port of New Bedford, Destination New Bedford, and the New Bedford Area Chamber Foundation. Events sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank. Barge provided by Tucker Roy Marine Towing and Salvage, Inc. Fireworks partner AGM Marine Contractors. City Celebrates! New Year's Eve is an award recipient of the Mass Cultural Council's Festivals Program.

Contact Office of Tourism and Marketing, 508-979-1745

Visit http://destinationnewbedford.org/events/cat_ids-50/

LGBTQ Holiday Social

Join us for our first Holiday Social and networking event, **Thurs., 12/28, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., at New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks!, 608 Pleasant St., downtown New Bedford.** Enjoy a fun evening after the mad rush of the holidays to relax and network with LGBTQ friends, family, volunteers and allies at NBAM/Artworks! There's a lot of exciting things coming up in 2018 and we don't want you to miss the opportunity to get involved. Appetizers, coffee, desserts. Hosted by the South Coast LGBTQ Network, New Bedford, 774-371-0711; info@sclgbtqnetwork.org

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.

Chapel 25th Anniv.

It's been 25 years since the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate reopened Our Lady's Chapel. Come help us celebrate this occasion with a Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar da Cunha. This evening continues with a potluck reception and a movie, "Two Crowns," on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. **Fri., 12/15, Our Lady's Chapel, 600 Pleasant St., Downtown New Bedford.**

Mass starts at 6 p.m. Call 508-996-8274, or visit <https://marymediatrix.com/who-we-are/new-bedford-ma/> or [Facebook.com/OurLadysChapel](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadysChapel)

Peace Light

There is an oil lamp in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, which is said to have now burned for 1,500 years. This fall a Boy Scout traveled to Bethlehem with a special oil lantern to bring that flame to Austria, which then traveled to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York. This Peace Light is a symbol of mankind's desire for peace in family, community, the nation and the world.

Michael McCormack, Chairman of the Fall River Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting, and his wife Cheryl gathered that flame upon arrival at JFK and since returning to New Bedford have distributed it to hundreds of residents as well as churches and groups in the region.

Continuing the effort to "Spread the Light", the **Peace Light will be available in a special distribution at the Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, on Sat., 12/16, from noon to 4:00 p.m.** Candles will be available or individuals may bring their own or a lantern which is suitable for transporting the flame. Once lit, a candle will be suffused with spirit of the Peace light and can extinguished and re-lit at home. Once there it should be distributed to friends and family and kept lit as long or as often as possible.

For additional information please call Joseph R. Costa, 508-995-5772.

Health Van

The Southcoast Wellness Van travels across the region bringing health screenings into the communities of SE Mass., offering a variety of services. For more information and to schedule free screenings, please call Susan Oliveira, RN, at 508-973-8740 or email oliveiras@southcoast.org. You can also check the schedule on www.southcoast.org or follow SC Health on Facebook and Twitter.

NEW BEDFORD: Tues., 12/26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Stop & Shop, 438 Dartmouth St., Health Screenings & Vaccines

Looking for Classmates

NBHS Class of '68 50th class reunion. Save the Dates: Fri. & Sat., 9/28 & 29, 2018. **Looking for classmates!**

Email John Thompson at johnwt1313@gmail.com with your email or residential address and any other classmates's email or addresses that you may know so that the committee can keep you up to date on this milestone reunion.

Moby Dick marathon

The world's best known readings of Melville's iconic American novel, *Moby Dick*, returns to the **New Bedford Whaling Museum January 5-7, 2018.** The 22nd Annual Moby-Dick Marathon attracts thousands of people each year to the Museum's campus and to the livestream reading online. The 25-hour marathon takes place in several Whaling Museum galleries and across the street in the Seamen's Bethel, made famous in Melville's classic as the Whaleman's Chapel. Melville attended Bethel services between December 1840 and January 1841, when he sailed out on a whaleship, and his pew is marked.

In addition to the main event, the Whaling Museum incorporates two mini-marathons on January 6: a Portuguese-language reading of Tiago Patricio's abridged *Moby-Dick*; and a children's version by Classic Starts.

The sermon will also be live-streamed in the Museum's 200-seat Theater and online. For full details visit www.whalingmuseum.org. Email mdmarathon@whalingmuseum.org.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

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!!

Author Event

Looking for a fun break from the holiday rush? Want to meet new people? Need a stocking stuffer?

Join us on **Sat., 12/16 at 1 p.m., at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Road, for an interactive author visit with Sandi Montour.**

This brand new game book, *This or That?*, will get your friends and family unplugged and talking. Ages 18+ please. Books will be available for sale. Refreshments provided.

FREE Holiday Concert

The Acushnet Council on Aging invites the community to join them at the **Senior Community Center, 59 1/2 South Main Street on Mon., 12/18, at 11 a.m.** to enjoy a holiday performance by the extremely talented Ford Middle School Chorus. This event is free and open to the community. Please call 508-998-0280 with questions or for more info.

Nutcracker

Spindle City Ballet will be presenting its lively holiday classic production of "The Nutcracker" **Sat., 12/16 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm and Sun., 12/17 at 2:00 pm at Bristol Community College in Fall River.**

The professional company will be supported by a cast of 30 local children, transporting audiences through a magical journey of dancing Soldiers and swirling Snowflakes to the magical Land of the Sweets.

Two special events will be held along with the performances. On Saturday evening the ballet will hold "An Evening with the Staulbaums", 12/16 at 6pm. At this event guests will enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, wine and champagne before the show and during intermission. After the show come and meet costumed cast members for pictures and autographs. Tickets for this

event are **\$32; Children 12 & Under, \$22**. We will also be offering the magical "Meet Clara". This exciting event for children of all ages begins after the Saturday and Sunday matinees. Each child, accompanied by one adult, may come backstage to meet Clara and take pictures with Clara. This will be the highlight of your child's day! **12 & Under, \$10**

Tickets to the performance are \$11.00-\$32.00. For more information call 508-536-6073 or go to spindlecitymballet.org. or email lisabibeau@spindlecitymballet.org

Spindle City Ballet is the South Coast's only non-profit professional ballet company celebrating its 22nd season presenting performances that excite, educate and inspire.

Raffle Extravaganza

Join us for the 2nd Annual Holiday Stocking Showcase and Gift Basket Raffle, **Sat., 12/16, from 12-4 pm at the Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast, 31 Ventura Dr., Dartmouth.** Activities include a Bake Sale, Kid's Activities, Popcorn and more. **Raffle Tickets are 10/\$20, winning tickets pulled at 4 p.m.**

Stockings and baskets in assorted themes: Holiday, Toys, Kids, Pets, Candy, and more, assembled and donated by local businesses and individuals. All proceeds benefit the homeless animals at the Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast, 31 Ventura Drive, Dartmouth.

For more information please call HSSSC at 508.995.6661.

Making a Difference Expo

The holidays season is a wonderful time of giving and receiving, and many do take the time to help individuals and families in need. Mattapoisett resident, Jillian Zucco, is encouraging community members to make community service something they do periodically throughout the year.

On Fri., 12/29, Jillian will be holding a Make A Difference Expo at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett from 1:00-6:00. Non-profit organizations and volunteer groups in need of volunteers will share information on what their needs are and how

individuals of all ages can help.

Boston Children's Hospital Blood Mobile will be set up in the parking lot to help restock their critically low blood supply. To make an appointment to donate, log onto halfpints.childrenshospital.org and use sponsor code KNIGHTSM.

In addition to the exhibits, there will be entertainment, refreshments, and helping activities for children.

Jillian is asking each individual or family who attends to **bring a NEW baby/children's hygiene product** (toothbrush, toothpaste, baby wipes, etc.) to help restock empty shelves at Gifts to Give in Acushnet OR canned goods/nonperishables to restock local food banks after the holidays.

Jillian is a lifelong volunteer and the current Miss Massachusetts of the Miss America Organization whose platform is entitled, "Choose A Cause, Make A Difference."

For more information please contact JillianZucco@gmail.com.

Showstoppers F-R

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe will once again be selling Dinner For Two Books as a fundraiser for their all-volunteer-run organization. The 2018 dining book features over \$1500 in free dinners, concerts, plays and cruises. The cost of the book is \$29.95 of which \$10 will be donated back to the Showstoppers by the Dinner For Two company. For orders, please call 508-758-4525 or email kzucco@comcast.net.

Friends of the COA

Everyone is invited to **join the Friends of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, Inc.,** a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

The FMCoA serves as the fundraising arm of the Council on Aging. You can become a "Friend" and help out through your annual membership.

Pick up the FMCoA membership application at the Senior Center. Or go online to download a form: https://www.mattapoisett.net/sites/mattapoisettma/files/uploads/2018_friends_application_0.pdf.

Your membership will be valid through the end of 2018 and allows you to vote at the January Annual Meeting.

For more information, contact Bob Kelley at 508-758-6311 or email r.kelley@ieee.org.

Recipe of the Week

Candied Sweet Potatoes

4 lbs sweet potatoes, quartered
1 1/4 cups margarine
1 1/4 cups brown sugar
3 cups miniature marshmallows,
ground cinnamon to taste
ground nutmeg to taste

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add potatoes and boil until slightly underdone, about 15 minutes. Drain, cool and peel.

In a large saucepan over med. heat, combine margarine, brown sugar, 2 cups marshmallows, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cook, stirring occasionally, until marshmallows are melted.

Stir potatoes into marshmallow sauce. While stirring mash about half of the potatoes, and break the others into bite-sized chunks. Transfer to prepared dish.

Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cover top evenly with remaining marshmallows. Return to oven and bake until marshmallows are golden brown. *From www.recipes.com*

From our readers

FHS Honor Society Says "Thank You"

Please thank the good folks that attended the Fairhaven Holiday Fair, we appreciate their contribution to our fundraising. Our Honor Society students are putting together their annual charitable donation and that is where the money went. We pick an Acushnet and Fairhaven non-profit to receive a monetary gift.

We will continue to sell Dinner-For-Two books until the beginning of February — great for Valentine's Day.

A call to Fairhaven High School, 508-979-4051, X5320, Paula Jardin, will get quick action and the book(s) can be picked up the same or next day, gift wrapped. Each book is \$29.95, buy 3 for \$89.85 and get 1 book free, pay with check or cash.

*Paula Jardin, Honor Society Advisor,
Fairhaven High School*

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part of the basic service of our taxes to one that costs us more money.

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If pay as you throw is truly designed to correct lazy and selfish behavior, as a previous writer suggested, then offset our taxes by that value.

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Adam Abelha, Fairhaven

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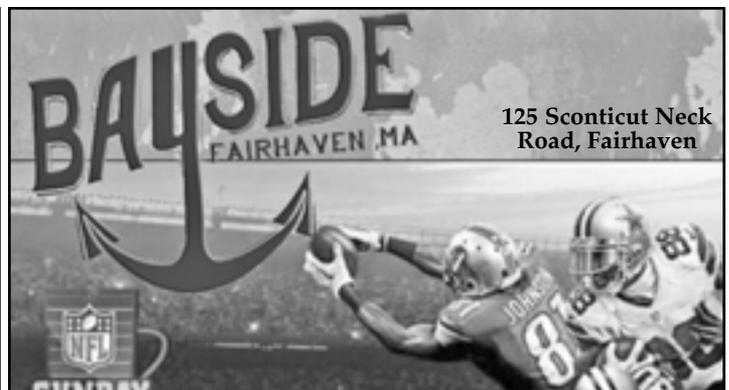
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A little snow helps that Old-Time Holiday spirit

By Beth David
Editor

A snowy Saturday did not deter shoppers at the Old-Time Holiday celebration in Fairhaven. On the contrary, it made for a very festive atmosphere in the center of town as people moved from the Town Hall Shops to the marketplaces at the First Congregational Church, Unitarian Memorial Church, and activities at the Millicent Library and Our Lady's Haven. And all the while the church

bells rang out Christmas Carols.

Town Hall bustled inside and outside with shoppers able to buy home made items, hot chocolate, a variety of food items, and raffle tickets for gift certificates, gift baskets and more.

The Town Hall shops were reserved for non-profits only, and groups like the Fairhaven High School National Honor Society, FHS PTO, Scouts, and improvement associations all reported brisk sales.

New this year, Fairhaven Cable Access TV, Channel 18, live-streamed the event from Town Hall, and gave people the chance to create a video holiday greeting.

For more information on the Old Time Holiday and other annual events, visit the Fairhaven office of Tourism website at www.FairhavenTours.com



Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday celebration brought lots of people to the center of town to get their holiday shopping down amid a little bit of snow, the church bells ringing out Christmas Carols, and festive atmosphere that sent foot traffic from Main Street to Green Street for activities at the Town Hall, Millicent Library, First Congregational Church, Unitarian Memorial Church, and Our Lady's Haven. ABOVE LEFT: Xander from Fairhaven Boy Scout Troop 52 puts Emmerson's name on an ornament while she watches from the vantage point of her father Mike's arms at Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday celebration on Saturday, 12/9/17. ABOVE RIGHT: The Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium is filled with shoppers during the Old-Time Holiday celebration on Saturday, 12/9/17. BELOW LEFT: The kitchen crew at the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven stops for a quick picture with the local free sheet during the Old-Time Holiday celebration on Saturday, 12/9/17. The lobster rolls and chowder were a big hit. BELOW RIGHT: The Girl Scouts and Mr. Thin Mints sell the world-famous Girl Scout cookies at the Fairhaven Old-Time Holiday celebration at town hall on Saturday, 12/9/17. *Photos by Beth David.*



Girl group BLC gets the crowd singing and dancing

By Beth David
Editor

A small but enthusiastic group braved the wet and sloppy weather on Saturday night to sing songs and greet Santa in Fairhaven. The annual Town Hall sing was moved indoors because the snow had turned to rain. The Fairhaven Improvement Asso-

ciation hosted the event upstairs in the Town Hall auditorium, where the girl group BLC led the crowd in song and prompted the children to sing into the microphone and dance a little, too.

Santa Claus managed to find his way up the stairs to pose for pictures and hand out coloring books to the

children. The FIA provided hot chocolate and sweets for the free event.

The event capped off a full day of holiday themed events as part of the Old-Time Holiday celebration.

Sunday's events included a holiday house tour of decorated homes in Fairhaven.



ABOVE LEFT: L-R: Scarlet, Hadley and her little brother Jack help the girl group BLC keep the party going with Christmas carols at the annual Town Hall Sing-along in Fairhaven on Saturday, 12/9/17. ABOVE RIGHT: Zoe shares a secret with Santa at the annual Town Hall Sing-along in Fairhaven on Saturday. BELOW LEFT: Children sit on the floor and sing Christmas Carols with the girl group BLC at the annual Town Hall Sing-along in Fairhaven. BELOW RIGHT: Santa joins the girl group BLC as they sing Christmas Carols at the annual Town Hall Sing-along in Fairhaven on Saturday, 12/9/17. *Photos by Beth David.*



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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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12/27: Providence Place & Whole Foods
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1/10/18: Patriots Place

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

Blue Christmas

A service of remembrance and hope... when the holidays HURT St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street Dartmouth, MA TUESDAY, December 19th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for anyone who is hurting or is experiencing loss through death, family structure, relationship, meaning of life, health, job. For anyone who is alone, isolated or stressed. For anyone who is experiencing emotional pain The light shines on in darkness.

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

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Acushnet renews electric aggregation participation

Press Release

The Town of Acushnet, will continue its electricity aggregation program under a new three-year supply contract set to start in January 2018.

The Town of Acushnet is part of a buying group of 23 communities stretching from the South Coast to northern Middlesex County that originally launched their Community Electricity Aggregation (CEA) programs in January 2016. By purchasing together, these communities have collectively saved over \$8 million for their residents to date and have now renewed their supply contracts for another three years.

In addition to savings, in an environment of continuing rate volatility, these aggregation programs have successfully provided safe-harbor for ratepayers with one fixed rate while maintaining the freedom to leave the program at any time without penalty. The goals of the program are to provide ratepayers with reduced electric rates, price stability and a responsible alternative to utility rates.

The new electric rate is fixed at \$0.10122 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) from January 2018 to January 2021. This compares favorably with the Basic Service rate for Eversource from January 1, 2018, to June 30, 2018, which will be \$0.13157 per kWh.

The electricity supply will be provided by Public Power, LLC. Public Power won a highly competitive bid conducted by consultant Good Energy in April 2017, beating out two of the nation's largest power companies. The supplier name will change from Constellation to Public Power and this will be reflected along with the new rate of \$0.10122 per kilowatt hour on your January 2018 bill which you will receive in February 2018.

While the aggregation rate compares favorably with the winter rate of Eversource, there is no guarantee of future savings under the aggregation program. The Eversource Basic Service supply rate changes

every six months.

If you are currently in the program, no action is required to continue participation.

If you opted out of the original program, you will not be sent an opt-out letter and you will not be enrolled in the new contract. However, you may still join the program by contacting Public Power, LLC at 800-830-2944, or by email at customer-care@ppandu.com.

If you are on the Basic Service with Eversource and have not previously opted out, you will be sent an opt-out letter which details the program.

Residents who wish to opt into the program, including residents who previously opted out or who are

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currently with a third-party supplier, may still join the program by contacting Public Power, LLC at 800-830-2944, or by email at customer-care@ppandu.com. Please note that residents currently on with a third-party supplier should check for any early termination fees associated with their existing supply contract prior to joining the new program.

Municipal officials emphasize that no one affiliated with the program will call, email or knock on residents' doors asking them to enroll or re-enroll. As before, there is no penalty or termination fee for leaving the program at any time.

Comprising nearly two dozen diverse cities and towns (Acushnet, Attleboro, Carver, Dartmouth, Dedham,

Dighton, Douglas, Dracut, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Northbridge, Norton, Plainville, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Westford, and Westport), this Community Electricity Aggregation buying group is the largest in Massachusetts and the third largest of its kind in the country.

Community Electricity Aggregation demonstrates the growing demand for the benefits of regional collaboration among communities on energy issues — a value the International City/County Management Association acknowledged recently in October when it recognized the program with a 2017 Local Government Excellence Award.

Selectmen Chairman Kevin A. Gaspar, Sr. noted the importance to all of the residents of Acushnet, more especially our Seniors and those living on a fixed income.

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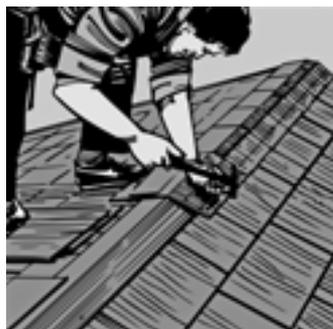


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Vigil helps those who have lost loved ones to violence

Beth David
Editor

Parents of Murder Children (POMC) Southeastern Mass. chapter held their eight candlelight vigil for non-violence and to honor those who have died by violence, hoping to help family members give each other support and bring awareness to the long road faced by family members after a murder.

The group lined the pathway of the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven with luminary bags with the names and photos of loved ones on Sunday 10/3.

The theme this year was "As long as I Breathe You Will Be Remembered," according to a statement by Chapter Co-Leader Susan Fitzgerald, whose son Joshua was stabbed to death after a fight at the VFW in Fairhaven in April of 2008.

A quilt with photos of the victims being honored was displayed at the service. The quilt will travel to Washington, DC, next August for the National POMC conference.

"We had a memorial table with photos of our loved ones with inspirational rocks and ornaments for

all who attended," wrote Ms. Fitzgerald.

The ceremony opened with a conch shell being blown by violinist Atzik Marques of Martha's Vineyard, with Courtney Fitzgerald and Marykate Fredette.

"Our singer, Linda Calise and guitarist, Alex performed healing songs to a full house, including victim advocates from the Bristol County DA's office," wrote Ms. Fitzgerald. "Tears were shed amid much support among all the families there honoring their loved ones who were taken too

soon by senseless violence. There was healing there for the broken hearted."

Ms. Fitzgerald said the healing process can take a long time, much longer when murder involved.

"With the court cases taking years, and then appeals and paroles each time reopening the wounds, it never ends," said Ms. Fitzgerald. "We are here to support families as they go through this process."

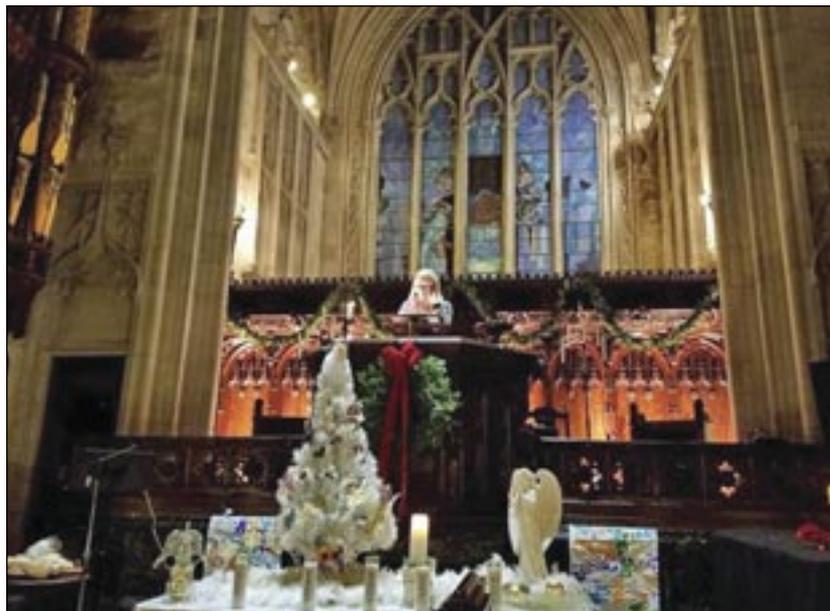
POMC is a non-profit National Organization for families and friends who have endured the pain of losing a loved one from violence. We offer



This quilt with the pictures of murder victims will travel to Washington, DC, next year for the national conference of Parents of Murdered Children (www.pomc.org). Submitted photo.

support, advocacy and education to members and to the public. We meet every third Thursday of the month at the Fairhaven Unitarian Church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information please call 617-947-1639 or visit www.pomc.org

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[Susan Fitzgerald]



LEFT: Luminaries line the pathway at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven on Sunday, 12/3, for a candlelight vigil sponsored by the Southeastern Mass. chapter of Parents of Murdered Children (www.pomc.org). RIGHT: POMC SE Mass. Chapter leader Anne Murphy, who was voted SC Woman of the year last year for her work with people affected by homicide, speaks to those gathered for a vigil on Sunday, 12/3. at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven. Submitted photos.

Turkey trot raises more than \$19,000 + 9,000 lbs of food

By Beth David

Editor

This year's Turkey Trot 5K road race in Fairhaven raised more than \$19,000 and collected more than 9,000 pounds of nonperishable food items for the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet.

This year the Greater New Bedford Track Club and Union Running co-

sponsored the fun run that started in 2010 by local Fairhaven girls Emilia Crott, Colleen Kennedy, Lisa Matheson, Shannon St. Pierre and Jillian Zangao.

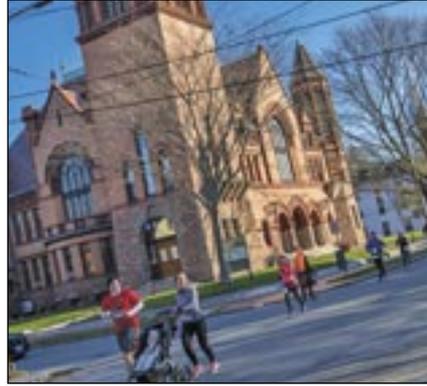
Between volunteers and runners, the Turkey Trot, held on Thanksgiving morning each year, had more than 800 participants, according to organizer Nicole

Harrington.

"It was a fantastic day, filled with fun, family, and community, she wrote in an email.

Ms. Harrington also noted that the race had several generous sponsors, who helped tip the scale.

For more info, visit <https://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/>



LEFT: Runners make their way through the streets of Fairhaven, by town hall (MIDDLE), and greet each other at the end (RIGHT) at this year's Turkey Trot in Fairhaven. The 5K road race is held on Thanksgiving morning. Proceeds go to the Shepherd's Pantry in Acushnet. Photos by Clotilde Perceminier.

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will be paying.

Mr. Wotton suggested increasing residents' stickers by \$5 and landscapers' by \$100.

Mr. Hobson explained that more than 50% of the recycling is landscapers so maybe they should double their sticker cost, but not residents'.

He made a motion to keep the 2018 recycling fees the same. The motion passed with Mr. Ristuccia abstaining from the vote.

The board was then scheduled to meet with Karen Vilandry and Al Benac about signage for Cooke Memorial Park, but neither showed up to the meeting.

Mr. Ristuccia suggested they make a motion to leave Cooke Memorial Park the way it is. Mr. Furtado said he did not think a motion should be made without Mr. Benac and Ms. Vilandry present.

Historical Commission members Gary Lavalette and Wayne Oliveira, however, were present to voice their opinions on the issue, telling the board that they believed they should use caution when changing things at the park. They also said they would like to be involved with any issues regarding the park.

Mr. Furtado explained that the park is not registered as a historical

park, but the board would love their opinions on it.

Mr. Hobson said he wanted to hear from Mr. Benac and Ms. Vilandry.

The board decided to table the issue and invite Ms. Vilandry and Mr. Benac to another meeting to hear what they have to say.

Mr. Furtado also explained to the board that during executive session the board would be discussing the new candidates for the Water Department Superintendent position and at next week's December 18th meeting the board would be interviewing the top two candidates. ●●●

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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA, to consider the following petition(s):

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Mario & Gino Cabral* RE: 375 Alden Road Plot 37 Lot 14A Book 3686 Page 092 198-23 B Special required for a Beauty Parlor as a Home occupation.
- Petitioner: Stephen Pietruska* RE: 12 Goulart Memorial Drive Plot 42A Lot 15C Cert# 11821-171 198-22 A1 236 square feet over the maximum

square footage of 700 for an Accessory Building.

- Petitioner: Fairhaven Police Department* RE: Plot 42 Lot 23A Cert# 20073 198-18 35' over height limit of 40' in a Business District.

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Petitioner: Robert & Judith Tubbs*, RE: 294 Huttleston Avenue, Plot 31B, Lot 60B, Book 9524 and Page 174. 198-18: Short 70' of required 200' frontage, short 72,233 sq. ft. of required 100,000 sq. ft., short 5' of required 50' rear setback, short 42,233 sq. ft. of required 70,000 sq. ft. of contiguous upland and 19% over max lot coverage of 50% all within an RC District.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
12/7/17 & 12/14/17

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PROPOSER: Carri Corp Industries, Ltd

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Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Fairhaven where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

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Our many different cultures notwithstanding, there's something about the holidays that makes the planet communal. Even nations that do not celebrate Christmas can't help but be caught up in the collective spirit of their neighbors, as twinkling lights dot the landscape and carols fill the air. It's an inspiring time of the year.

Marlo Thomas

My father said there were two kinds of people in the world: givers and takers. The takers may eat better, but the givers sleep better.

Marlo Thomas

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

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

Board Of Public Works

Mon., 12/18, Arsene St., 6 p.m.
Water Superintendent interviews

Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/22, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Open Space & Rec Comm.

Thurs., 1/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 1/10, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Board of Assessors

Thurs., 12/14, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Council on Aging

Sat., 1/30, Senior Ctr., 10 a.m.

School Committee

Tues., 12/19, Ford MS., 5:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 12/19, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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Sunday	17	0700	1922	0009	1431
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Friday	22	1022	2253	0311	1542*
Saturday	23	1109	2344	0352	1621*
Sunday	24	----	1201	0436	1705*
Monday	25	0036	1254	0530	1800*
Tuesday	26	0127	1345	0638	1902*
Wednesday	27	0218	1440	0744	1959*
Thursday	28	0315	1542	0846	2056*
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Saraiva Family asks for privacy

Press Release

The Saraiva family are deeply grieving the disappearance and loss of their son Jonathan in the sinking of the Misty Blue. The enormous amount of support they have received through offers of prayer and kind words has not gone unnoticed and is very much appreciated. They would also like to extend their prayers and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Michael Roberts.

This has been an extremely difficult time for them and they are just not ready to speak publicly. Due to the weather, recovery dives to the Misty Blue have been postponed multiple times and this has been emotionally crushing. The hope to recover and bring their son and brother home is their biggest desire now.

Jonathan was born on January 17, 1985, in Kailua, HI, while his father Phillip Saraiva, a Marine, was stationed there. He also lived in

Cornwall, SW England UK; New Bedford, MA; Acushnet, MA; New London, NH; and Boca Raton, FL.

Upon graduation from New Bedford High School, Jon tried out a few different career paths before finding his passion lay in working outdoors. He retained employment at

[Jonathan's] loss has left a huge hole in their hearts, but those who truly knew and loved him will forever cherish his memory.

golf courses in NH, at a marina in Florida, and most recently, as a fisherman working out of New Jersey, New Bedford and Fairhaven.

Jon's mother, Susan Saraiva, once asked him if he really liked fishing and his reply was typical of his nature. He stated that he really did, describing the peacefulness and beauty of the ocean and the wildlife. He specifically spoke of how much he enjoyed watching all the dolphins that would follow the ship. His family believes, if given the opportunity, Jon would have continued to go to sea. One of his Facebook quotes was,

"Clammin Oh Yeah!!!!"

After spending time in New Jersey, Jon jumped at the chance to return home to work in Fairhaven when his former boss, Capt. Eric Arabian, offered him the position of first mate.

Jon never married or had children of his own. His family, which include his parents, Phillip & Susan Saraiva, his brother Brandon, sister Michele, their families, and their children, were a joy to him and a source of strength. Jon also had a great love for his pets, especially his dog Jada. In earlier years, Jon doted on the family dog named Penny. The family cat, Chloe, lived a long life thanks to the fact that he rescued her from coyotes that had been stalking her.

Jonathan was a very private person. He listened a lot more than he spoke and was a deep thinker. These are qualities his family has always respected and admired about him. The mutual love between him and his family was, and still is, unconditional and undeniable. He recently posted on Facebook, "Family means everything to me."

His loss has left a huge hole in their hearts, but those who truly knew and loved him will forever cherish his memory.

The Saraiva family would like to express their deep gratitude to CDR Marcus G. Gherardi, USCG, Woods Hole, for his personal updates and kindness extended to their family in this most difficult time. They would also like to thank the fishing vessel, Enterprise, and all of the other men and women who assisted in the search, rescue and hopeful recovery of all of the crewmembers of the Misty Blue. ●●●



Jonathan Saraiva was lost at sea last week when the fishing vessel Misty Blue, a clammer, sank about 10 miles southeast of Nantucket. Submitted photos.

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