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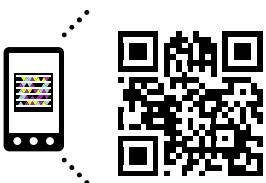
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Teeming with information you need.
(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

Signs of the season



Roxanne of Roxann's Gardening Center in Fairhaven steadies a Christmas tree as she gets ready for the weekend when Christmas trees, wreaths, baskets, pots and logs will go on sale. INSET: Roxanne organizes the decorations she will use on the wreaths and other items. Photo by Glenn C. Silva.



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

We have a fun issue for you this week. And, although it's hard to believe, there are some outdoor activities, too.

The annual Fairhaven High School Gridiron Club bonfire is next week. Which means, of course, that next week is Thanksgiving. Oh, Summer... why did you leave so soon?

We have a new column starting this week (see page 19). Rob Gonsalves will review a variety of movies, TV series, and other films in his "DVD Developments" column. You may have seen his byline in a few other publications over the years. And if you see him around town, be sure to let him know you saw his column.

Fairhaven High School got some good news when the MCAS scores got released (see page 4). You can even check out all the scores and compare them to other districts throughout the state with just a few clicks. So, have at it, you math people....let me know if the numbers tell us other stuff, too.

A few officials from Fairhaven and surrounding towns have been showing their silly side with a fun little Tutu Challenge initiated by the Friends of Jack Foundation. Some of those guys actually look kind of cute in a tutu. In any case, it's nice to see people being able to lighten up and have a little fun.

As you all probably know by now, Carousel Family Fun Center closed and had its final skate. See page 12, where you can read what our roving photographer Glenn wrote up about the final skate.

Next week is our annual Shopping With the *Neighb News* issue. So if you want to be part of it, and get your business mentioned in our little story, you'd better get that ad to us now. Email is the best way.

There's other stuff in here, of course. So, be sure to check out each and every page. And notice who our advertisers are so you can let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...
See ya,



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our articles on the Veterans Day celebrations in Fairhaven and Acushnet, we made a mistake on which event was celebrating a 100th anniversary. WWI ended on 11/11/1918, Armistice Day was created the following year, in 1919, and is now called Veterans Day. We apologize for both errors and any confusion they may have caused.

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Weekend and week ahead

Carvalho Farm Opening and Walk-thorough

The Buzzards Bay Coalition will welcome representatives from the town of Fairhaven and members of the public this Friday, to celebrate the opening and permanent protection of the 61-acre Carvalho Farm. This coastal property features a native grassland meadow, active agricultural field, forested wetlands, and salt marshes along the shore of Nasketucket Bay, protecting an extraordinary array of Buzzards Bay's vital habitats.

This property was purchased by the Buzzards Bay Coalition in 2017 with the support of Fairhaven Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. Carvalho Farm is part of the growing complex of protected lands around Nasketucket Bay, helping to preserve one of Buzzards Bay's healthiest waterways.

Following a short introduction and speaking remarks, Coalition staff will lead a walk through the property. Please join us in celebrating this exciting new preserve: Fri., 11/22, at 3

p.m., Carvalho Farm, 201 Shaw Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719; featuring Mark Rasmussen, President, Buzzards Bay Coalition; Brendan Annett, Vice President of Watershed Protection, Buzzards Bay Coalition; Robert Espindola, Vice Chairman, Town of Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

Visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org for more information.

Thanksgiving Eve Bonfire

Join the Fairhaven Gridiron Club for the annual Thanksgiving eve bonfire/pep rally. This is a community event, and ALL of Fairhaven is encouraged to attend.

Athletes! Friends! Family! Alumni! Come one, come all!

Fire up the Blue Devils, Wed., 11/27, Cushman Park, 5:30 p.m.

Come join the fun, enjoy the DJ, food and games, and celebrate the accomplishments of all FHS fall teams and students

For more information or weather cancellation, find us on Facebook or Twitter: [@FairhavenGridiron](https://www.facebook.com/FairhavenGridiron) @GridironFHS

Thanksgiving Day Game

Fairhaven vs. Dartmouth at Fairhaven's home field this year. Game starts at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Get yourself fired up, support the kids, and work up an appetite before the big dinner.

Fairhaven Thanksgiving Turkey Trot

Thurs., 11/28. Gather: 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., Start Time: 8:00 a.m. Green Street side of Cushman Park, Fairhaven

Annual Thanksgiving morning 5K race raises money for the Shepherd's Pantry. First 500 adult registrants receive a T-Shirt. Registration is \$20 online for adults before Nov. 26 and \$25 for adults Nov. 27-28. Registration for children 12 and under is \$10 either online or in person. After race Trot Fest hosted by Rasputin's Tavern. For more details and registration, visit <http://www.fairhaventurkeytrot.com/> or email fairhaventurkeytrot@gmail.com.

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FHS Math scores continue to improve

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven High School students had a strong performance on the Next Gen MCAS Mathematics test from last spring. The results, which only came out this October, showed Fairhaven ranked first in two areas and second in one area, among high schools from Wareham to Seekonk, according to Phil Harding, FHS Math Department Chairperson.

FHS came in first place in the percentage of students in the "exceeding expectations" category (formerly "advanced").

FHS also came in first place for overall Student Growth percentile. This category compares students statewide with similar scores from earlier grades.

Students also placed second in the Overall Mathematics Achievement Percentile, getting edged out by Aponequet.

"We're really proud of the kids because of how hard they worked to achieve these outstanding results," wrote Mr. Harding in an email. "Also, our top students really hit it out of

the park."

Mr. Harding said that being number one in the Student Growth category shows that the data analysis work done by teachers is paying off.

"Mr. Francis, Mrs. Sunderland, Mr. Joseph and our rookie sensation Ms. Girouard all put in some great performances last year with their sophomores and they deserve some credit also," wrote Mr. Harding.

But, he added, it is no time to sit back on their laurels.

"Now we have a new group to work with so we can't look back any longer if we want to finish first in all three categories next spring," wrote Mr. Harding. "We always have great kids and this year is no different. The teachers have broken down all the data from the 2019 results and new adjustments have been made. We're on to spring 2020!"

MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) results are available online, and available to the public. Visit <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/results.html> to learn more.

For Fairhaven's district results, visit <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/>

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According to the Mass. Department of Education website Massachusetts students are first in the United States in reading and math and are competitive internationally. Mass. teachers educate close to 1 million public school students and 20,000 adult learners each year.

Students must earn a passing score on the MCAS tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, and one of the Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) tests (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, and Technology/Engineering) in order to earn a high school diploma in Mass.

There are two scholarship awarded to graduating seniors based on their MCAS scores, the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship which covers tuition only for eight semesters at a state college or university; and the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Awards, which also covers tuition for up to eight semesters. Visit <http://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/>



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

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Shoe Drive

Boy Scouts Pack 52, St. Mary's Church, Fairhaven is holding a shoe drive from now through January 1, 2020. Please donate your gently worn, used and new shoes to Boy Scout Pack 52 drop off: Fairhaven Police Department, 1 Bryant Lane, Fairhaven. Blue up up the stairs on the police side of the building.

Contact Sue Fleurent, 508-415-8632.

Holiday Bazaar

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St., Fairhaven, Holiday Bazaar, Sat., 11/23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring Handmade Crafts, Vendors, Straw Draw Raffles, Ticket Raffle, Bake Sale, Chourico & Pepper Sandwiches

Proceeds to benefit the residents of Our Lady's Haven

Christmas Fair

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place, Fairhaven, will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Sat., 11/23, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring Handmade craft items, knitted sweaters of all sizes, hats, scarves and more. Lunch will feature lobster rolls, clam chowder, scallop casserole, fried chicken, Norwegian open-faced sandwiches and various desserts.

Volunteers Needed

Sat., 11/30, 8 a.m., Benoit Square, opposite 267 Adams Street, Fairhaven. Work off that Turkey Dinner and help us decorate for the Holidays!

Please join us in preparing Benoit Square for the holiday season. Many hands make light work!

Leaf Pickup

Fairhaven will pick up leaves curbside from 11/5 to 11/29, on the day after your regular trash pickup day. Please have bags out by 7 a.m. on the day of pickup. No plastic bags

West Island Residents

The West Island Improvement Association is conducting a survey to see how many people, year-round or summer, have contracted Lyme disease, or any other tickborne

illnesses. We are trying to apply for a grant to control the ever-worsening tick population on West Island and we need your help. If you or any of your neighbors have been diagnosed with any illnesses related to ticks, we need to know right away so we will have more information for the grant. Names of people will not be included in the grant papers, but we don't want to count the same neighbors twice so we need your help to keep a fairly accurate count. Please contact Lisa Esten westisland2019@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Spaghetti Supper

You're invited to a Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser for MO LIFE, Inc., Wed., 12/4, from 4-7 p.m., at Fairhaven VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven. Tickets: \$8/adults, \$4/kids (12 and under), \$10 at door. Baskets will be raffled off.

For tickets, call 508-992-5978. Visit MO LIFE office, 4 Lambeth Park, Fairhaven, to pick up tickets.

Benoit Square Lighting

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

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will host its annual Sing-Along, this year featuring Voices in Time, and light the decorated square and gazebo. Santa Claus will then visit North Fairhaven on a fire truck. Free. For more information, email jodiduval@comcast.net.

Prize-a-Palooza

Sun., 12/1, from noon to 8 p.m., at Seaport Inn, 110 Middle St. Full day of prizes and fun with local celebrities playing bartender, raffles, free food, live entertainment, activities for children. Benefits the Standard-Times Neediest Families Fund. Prizes include a Yeti cooler, Bruins club seat tickets, a spa day, a weekend getaway, gift baskets, and many restaurant gift cards.

Several rounds of raffles will be held throughout

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Candlelight Vigil

Southeastern Mass. Parents of Murdered Children will hold a holiday candlelight vigil for the families and friends of those who have died by violence, on Sun., 12/8, at 4 p.m., indoors at the Unitarian Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven. Bring a framed photo of your loved one to place on a memorial table. Refreshments will follow vigil.

Parents of Murdered Children is a non-profit national organization for families and friends who have endured the pain of losing a loved one from violence. POMC offers support, advocacy and education to members and the public. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Fairhaven Unitarian church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 617-947-1639, or visit www.pomc.org

Cat Show & Author

Award-winning cat-book author and Cat Writers' Association Professional Member, Shawn Flynn, will join the Cat Fanciers' Federation for their Annual Holiday Cat Show at the Seaport Inn & Marina in Fairhaven to share his inspirational pet rescue story.

Flynn's book, *THE KITTY Who Rescued Me After I Rescued Him*, is a heartwarming tale that reveals how the pets we love sometimes turn around and care for us (ABBE Road Publishing, ISBN: 978-0-9987880-0-5, \$9.95).

Cat Fanciers' Federation Annual Holiday Cat Show, Seaport Inn & Marina, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA on Saturday and Sunday, December 7th and 8th, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day.

The Cat Fanciers' Federation is a 501c7 not-for-profit organization and is one of the oldest feline registries in the United States.

More information about Mr. Flynn can be found at Amazon and Facebook.

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Tutu Challenge has local officials strutting their stuff

From Press Release Materials

The Friends of Jack Foundation has launched a social media campaign dubbed the #TutuChallenge to raise money to purchase holiday toys for children in need on the SouthCoast.

The #TutuChallenge invites influencers from across the region to don a red tutu in a social media post and then pass the challenge along to a friend or colleague. Those who participate are asked to donate \$50 to the Friends of Jack Foundation with all proceeds going back to kids in the community to make a memorable holiday that is also a little less stressful for their families.

"The overwhelming support from

particularly the medical and business communities has been amazing. It's just another example of how generous people are here on the SouthCoast. It also shows that we aren't afraid to rock a tutu and take ourselves a little less serious when kids are benefitting," said Jill Fearons, Executive Director of the Friends of Jack Foundation.

For more information on the Friends of Jack Foundation and to get involved in the #TutuChallenge, contact Jill Fearons at Jill@friendsofjack.org.

The Friends of Jack Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2019 by Jill Fearons. It is named in honor of her son, Jack, who

is living with Chiari Malformation, a rare condition in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal. The Friends of Jack Foundation organizes overlooked healthcare-focused programs for children in the greater SouthCoast region of Massachusetts. These programs include Teddy bear and superhero costume programs for kids who are experiencing a situation that may be a stressful or scary. Fearons discovered the importance of small but impactful gestures while navigating many emergency and high-risk medical procedures with Jack.

To learn more visit <https://friendsofjack.org> or find them on Facebook.



The Friends of Jack TutuChallenge got town officials from the whole area to sport a Tutu and cough up \$50 to the cause. Even the brand-new Acushnet Police Chief got into the spirit of the fun. ABOVE LEFT: Fairhaven Police Chief Michael Myers accepts the Tutu Challenge from Dartmouth's Police Chief Brian Levesque, then went one step further by cleaning up around the station. ABOVE RIGHT: Acushnet's new police chief Chris Richmond seems to have Googled the wrong thing when he tried to learn how to don the tutu for the challenge. But, hey, he accepted it, right? He then challenged Acushnet fire chief Kevin Gallagher (BELOW LEFT) who accepted, posting (on Facebook): "Seriously Chris Richmond of the #AcushnetPoliceDepartment! You've been Police Chief for like 10 minutes and [you're] throwing down challenges? #TuTuChallenge accepted." We're taking his word for it via Facebook that it's really Chief Gallagher behind the mask. We're guessing he wouldn't let just anyone wear his special "Chief" hat. Chief Gallagher then challenged interim Town Administrator Julie Hebert, who posed with retiring Acushnet police chief Michael Alves (BELOW MIDDLE). As of press time, New Bedford's Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro (BELOW RIGHT), and the Dartmouth Police Chief had also accepted the challenge. Find Friends of Jack on Facebook to see more. *Photos from Facebook.*



State to switch to mile-based exit signs on major highways

Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing it is taking steps to install federally-mandated mile-based exit signs on the Commonwealth's major and limited access highways, including, but not limited to, I-90, I-93, I-95, Route 3 and I-495. Public meetings will be held in the coming months to provide information to residents, business leaders, tourist attraction property owners and other community members.

The Federal Highway Administration's 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices mandated that all states establish a mile-based exit numbering system. The conversion to a mile-based exit numbering system will be implemented on a route-by-route basis, starting in Western Massachusetts and moving eastward, and is scheduled to be completed in spring 2021.

For individual routes, exit num-

bering conversion will take place east to west or north to south.

During a transition period for motorists, "Old Exit" signs will be installed at each converted exit for a minimum of two years. Installation of mile-based exit signs will begin in late summer, 2020. Signs will be installed during off-peak hours, with minimal traffic impact expected.

"The conversion to mile-based exit numbers will benefit drivers by providing an obvious and straightforward calculation of driving distances," said MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Massachusetts will complete installing the new signs in Spring 2021 and in the coming weeks and months we will have a comprehensive process to inform the public about the changes. Even when the new exit signs are installed, the existing exit signs will remain in place to allow travelers the time to get accustomed to the changes."

MassDOT's public meetings on the

new exit numbers will begin in December:

- Northampton: Monday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Highway District 2 headquarters, 811 North King Street
- Lenox: Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Highway District 1 headquarters, 270 Main Street
- Worcester: Monday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center, 3 Paul Clancy Way.

Additional public meetings will be held in 2020 and will be announced as they are scheduled.

The project's estimated cost is \$2.8 million, with 90% paid through Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds and the remaining 10% through state highway funds.

More information about the project is available on the project website, www.NewMassExits.com.

Lane restrictions at Tarkiln Hill Road begin 11/22

Press Release

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that in New Bedford there will be lane restrictions and then full lane closures soon at the Tarkiln Hill Road grade crossing as part of South Coast Rail Phase One infrastructure work.

Beginning at 7 a.m., Friday, November 22, and continuing through to Monday afternoon, November 25, there will be lane restrictions in the area of the Tarkiln Hill road grade crossing work zone.

Then beginning at 7 a.m., Thursday, December 5, and continuing through to 4 p.m., Tuesday, December

10, all lanes will be closed at the Tarkiln Hill Road grade crossing.

Beginning on November 22, and during the 24-hour-per-day work period ending Monday afternoon, November 25, motor vehicle, pedestrian access and access to local business establishments will be maintained. MassDOT's contractor, J.F. White, will strive to maintain one vehicle travel lane in each direction throughout this time period. However, the number of vehicular travel lanes through the work zone may be reduced to one lane serving alternating traffic directions during certain construction activities. Police details will be present throughout the

construction period.

During the 24-hour-per-day work period beginning December 5, Tarkiln Hill Road will be closed to all traffic. A detour route will be implemented, and access to local business establishments will be maintained. Police details will be present throughout the construction period.

Members of the public traveling in the area of Tarkiln Hill Road are encouraged to allow extra time to cross through the area. Scheduled construction work is weather dependent.

For more information about the South Coast Rail Project, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/south-coast-rail>.



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Short Plays Marathon

Culture*Park presents the 17th annual Short Plays Marathon **on Sat., 11/23, in the Whaling Museum Theatre, in Downtown New Bedford.** 25 original short plays by local, regional and playwrights from around the Globe, will be presented as staged readings by an ensemble of over 80 actors and directors. In collaboration with Climate Change Theatre Action's Light the Way, an international initiative, Culture*Park will present plays with themes focused on Climate Change, peppered throughout the Marathon. Marathon Co-Directors are Rebecca Shade and Patricia Thomas.

Admission is \$20 For a FULL DAY/EVENING TICKET, and \$15 HALF-DAY. Senior/Student pricing is \$18 for a Full Day/Evening Ticket, and \$12 for half day. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the day of the event. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling 774-202-0588, or through Event Brite.

Visit the Culture*Park website, www.culturepark.org, for the complete listing of plays, themes, and approximate times; find us on facebook, or contact us at culturepark@earthlink.net

Open Studios

Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch St., NB, annual open studios, Fri.-Sun., 11/22-11/24. Hours: 5-8 p.m. on 11/22; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

Hatch Street Studios is the vibrant creative hub of more than 65 visual and performing artists. Learn more about Hatch Street Studios at www.hatchstreetstudios.com

Turkey Shoot

Sun., 11/24, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., New Bedford Revolver and Rifle Club, 246 Bolton St., New Bedford; \$1/lucky target/3 shots. Shoot targets (not turkeys!) and win prizes. Open to all ages. No license required. Door prizes, Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, food, fun prizes. All profits to be donated to local charities.

Shooting: 25 targets per relay, prizes awarded to the highest score per relay. So, there are prizes all day long. Children's sized rifles and ammunition supplied.

Decorate Downtown

Laurel Volunteers needed. Help Downtown New Bedford, Inc install fresh holiday laurels in the historic district, Monday, November 25th!

Contact volunteer coordinator: Jill White, jwhite@baycoastbank.com. Visit <https://www.downtownnb.org>

Shop & Stroll

Join us on Small Business Saturday for dNB's 2019 Holiday Stroll 12-5pm!

Kick off the holiday season in dNB with boutique shopping, awesome eats, live music, and activities for the whole family! Photos with Santa at Mare Studios 12-4pm, Firetruck Rides at Custom House Square 12-4pm, The Southcoast Brass Band in Custom House Square 12-2pm, The Seaglass Theater Carolers throughout dNB 2-4pm, and so much more!

Check out <https://www.downtownnb.org> for a directory of local shops, museums, restaurants, and galleries!

Museum Guides

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is seeking volunteer docents to give tours and share the Museum's stories with visitors. Docents are guides who work directly with school children, tour groups, and other visitors. International tourism in New England is on the rise and volunteers who can speak more than one language are particularly needed. Whether multilingual or not, anyone interested in sharing their time, knowledge, and enthusiasm is encouraged to register for a 12-part docent training course starting on January 8, 2020. The course runs on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to noon and the **registration deadline is December 13.**

To register visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/support/volunteer>. Additional information about the Whaling Museum volunteer program is available by contacting Volunteer & School Programs Manager, Brittany Taylor, at 508-717-6885 or btaylor@whalingmuseum.org.

Whaling Museum volunteers can have a positive impact on the lives of thousands of visitors from all over the world. They play a vital role in the organization's ability to enhance understanding of human interaction with whales, the history of whaling and its impacts, whale ecology,

marine mammal conservation, and the unique history of the region.

For more information, visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

Transit Study

The City of New Bedford's Planning Department seeks public feedback for its Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) study's survey. The study will evaluate existing and future conditions around the proposed MBTA Commuter Rail platforms in North New Bedford (Church Street) and New Bedford (Whale's Tooth), due to come online in 2023. The study will span the next year and a half.

Transit-Oriented Development, or TOD, is a type of community development that includes a mixture of housing, office, retail and other amenities integrated into a walkable neighborhood, and located within a half-mile of quality public transportation.

There are three core components of the NBTOD study:

1. First, the project team will evaluate the existing conditions of each study area using the best available data.

2. Second, the project team will engage the public to gather feedback and opinions on existing conditions and desired future development. The public engagement process will include public meetings, as well as an online survey available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. The survey can be accessed online at <http://www.srpedd.org/New-Bedford-TOD-Study>.

3. Finally, the team will evaluate existing zoning, and develop potential zoning scenarios that pair public input with the city's vision for each study area.

New Bedford residents are encouraged to participate in the study by taking the NBTOD study survey on the project page and/or attending an upcoming public meeting.

The Department of City Planning will hold an Open House meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the New Bedford Main Library 3rd Floor Meeting Room, 613 Pleasant St, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Visit <http://www.srpedd.org/New-Bedford-TOD-Study> or <https://www.facebook.com/NBcityplanning/> for information, and updates.

Plymouth Thanksgiving Parade

Sat., 11/23, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the Plymouth, Mass., historic waterfront. Three days of activities, including our famous parade. Visit <https://usathanksgiving.com/parade/>

Bird Club Mtg

Children's book author and naturalist, Rosemary Mosco, will speak to the Nasketucket Bird Club on Thurs., 11/21, at the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow St., at 7 p.m. (Our meeting was moved up because of Thanksgiving.)

Rosemary creates the science-based comic *Bird and Moon*. She also writes books for kids and adults, including *The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid* and *Birding Is My Favorite Video Game*, and has written about birds for Audubon, Mass Audubon, and other groups. She's passionate about sharing her love of birds and the natural world. Check out her website at <https://rosemarymosco.com/>

The Bird Club meetings, open to the public and accessible, are held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, located at the south door entrance on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.

Check our website at: <http://massbird.org/Nasketucket/> or email our President Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com

A Christmas Carol

Celebrating 42 years at Trinity Rep, Rhode Island's family holiday tradition brings Ebenezer Scrooge, Jacob Marley, Tiny Tim, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future to the stage in a glorious re-telling of the classic story that has delighted and inspired millions.

Best availability in November. Buy early for best seats and prices.

This year's production of A Christmas Carol is dedicated to Stephen Hamblett and Nick Cardi.

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For tickets <https://www.trinityrep.com/show/a-christmas-carol/>

SAVE THE DATES:

Bike Run/Toy & Food Drive

The Acushnet Lions Club along with the Rivers' End Cafe, proudly sponsor their annual **Toy & Food Drive/Motorcycle Run on Sun., 12/1. \$10 or unwrapped toy donation** (no stuffed animals please), or non-perishable food donation gets you in. Now accepting food and toys at the Rivers End, 7 Tarkiln Hil Road, Acushnet.

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

Friends Annual Mtg

Join the Friends, support your library, and volunteer with great people! The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library's annual meeting will be held Sun., 11/24, at 2:00 p.m. at the library, 7 Barstow St.

After a brief business meeting, guest speaker, Dr. Mia Holland will present "The Journey to Health, Happiness, & Well-Being: Thank you Cancer!" Dr. Holland is a recognized commentator in the field of eating disorders and has been an invited speaker for Harvard University Medical School on this topic. An accomplished Psychology Professor, Certified Personal Fitness Trainer, and Realtor, her biggest life triumph has been her fight against cancer. Come listen to Dr. Holland detail her unique and successful journey to wellness after receiving a breast cancer diagnosis. Her story highlights self-advocacy, methods of healing, gratitude, and inimitable strength. You will enjoy the inspiring story told by this Health Warrior!

Fall Concert

The Southeastern Massachusetts Youth Orchestras will present their first concert of the 2019-2020 season at 3 p.m. on Sun., 11/24, at the Matthew J. Kuss Middle School, 52 Globe Mills Ave, Fall River. The concert includes performances by the Poco Strings, Preparatory String Ensemble, Debut Orchestra, Repertory Orchestra, and Symphony Orchestra. **Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and \$25 for families.**

Children's Theater

South Coast Children's Theater is performing *You Can't Take It With You* by Moss Hart and George S Kaufman.

SCCT is performing the play adaptation of the 1938 film *You Can't Take it With You*. The comedy is about sweet-natured Alice Sycamore who falls for banker's son Tony Kirby. But when she invites her snooty prospective in-laws to dinner to give their blessing to the marriage, Alice's peculiar extended family might be too eccentric for Tony's father.

There will be two performances on Sat., 11/23, at 1:00 and 7:00 pm., St. Mary's Parish Hall, Dartmouth Street, Dartmouth. Tickets are sold at the door or you can order on line by at www.southcoastchildrenstheatre.com.

The show is directed by SCCT Alumni Patrick Lawrence and assisted by Meighread Dandeneau also a SCCT Alum. The cast are all members of SCCT. The group ranges from 4th to 8th graders. According to Patrick the show is very funny and the cast have really embraced the eccentric characters they play.

South Coast Children's Theatre's goal is to strive to give the children of SouthCoast the opportunity to be involved in a professional learning atmosphere as it relates to the performing arts. Teaching children respect for others while at the same time building self-esteem and reinforcing team work to achieve a common goal. That goal being to allow children in grades one through eight to participate in a production of children's age appropriate theatre.

NE Thanksgiving

In early New England, Thanksgiving was considered the biggest holiday of the year. Head to Old Sturbridge Village and you can celebrate the traditions of the holiday season with "A New England Thanksgiving." Remaining dates are Nov. 23, 24 & 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Step into the lives of early 19th century families to learn how they prepare for the feast.

For more information visit: <https://www.osv.org/event/a-new-england-thanksgiving/>. Save \$2.50 per ticket when you purchase online: <https://www.osv.org/visit/purchase-one-day-tickets-online/>.

Recipe of the Week

Pumpkin Spice Mousse

1 15-ounce can pure pumpkin
(1 3/4 cups)
1 tsp. grated peeled fresh ginger
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. freshly ground nutmeg
Kosher salt
3 oz. cream cheese, cubed
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 c. sweetened condensed milk
2 c. heavy cream, cold
Sour cream and crushed ginger
cookies, for serving

In medium saucepan, combine pumpkin, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, and pinch salt. Cook on medium, stirring frequently until steaming heavily, darker in color and slightly thicker, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in cream cheese and vanilla until smooth. Transfer to bowl, then stir in condensed milk. Let cool completely.

Using electric mixer, beat cream until medium peaks form. Fold in cream cheese mixture, then spoon into 4-ounce jars. Chill until ready to serve. Makes 8 cups. Serve dolloped with sour cream and crushed ginger cookies if desired.

From goodhousekeeping.com

AAA: 55 million to travel for Thanksgiving

Press Release

More than 55 million travelers are making plans to kick off the holiday season with a trip of 50 miles or more away from home this Thanksgiving. This will be the second-highest Thanksgiving travel volume since AAA began tracking in 2000, trailing only the record set in 2005. Overall, an additional 1.6 million more people will travel compared with last year, a 2.9% increase. The vast majority of holiday travelers will drive to their destinations and, INRIX, a global transportation analytics company, expects Wednesday afternoon to be the worst travel period nationally, with some trips taking as much as four times longer than normal in major metros.

More than 1.26 million Massachusetts residents will be among the travelers, with almost 1.1 million going by car, both records for this holiday.

By the numbers: 2019

Thanksgiving travel forecast

- **Automobiles:** 49.3 million travelers will hit the road this Thanksgiving, the most since 2005 and 2.8% more than last year.
- **Planes:** With 4.6% growth, air travel

will see the biggest increase in travel volume during the Thanksgiving holiday, with 4.45 million Americans

expected to fly.

- **Trains, Buses and Cruise Ships:** Travel by other modes will reach 1.49 million, a slight increase of 1.4% from 2018.

For the 49.3 million Americans traveling by automobile, INRIX, in collaboration with AAA, predicts major delays throughout the week, peaking Wednesday with trips taking as much as four times longer as commuters mix with travelers.

Travel tip: Fly on Monday

A recent analysis of AAA's flight booking data from the last three years revealed that flying the Monday before the Thanksgiving travel rush is the best option for travelers. It has the lowest average ticket price (\$486) prior to the holiday and is a lighter travel day than later in the week. Travelers can also save by traveling on Thanksgiving Day, which has the week's lowest average price per ticket (\$454).

AAA's travel experts remind travelers that it's not too late to begin planning a Thanksgiving getaway. Visit AAA.com/Travel for travel planning resources to book your trip.

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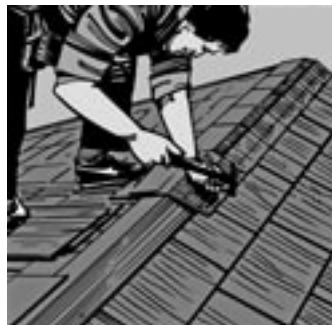
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Patrons say “good-bye” to Carousel

Text and photos by Glenn C. Silva

Neighb News Correspondent

On November 11, 2019, Charlene Conway addressed the skaters that had stayed till the end over the public announcement system at Fairhaven's Carousel Family Fun Center. She thanked everyone for the good times and all the memories.

“Even though we are closing this location, you can still come up and visit us at our Whitman location,” she told the crowd. “It’s not that far away and just up the highway.”

Skaters packed the floor, the arcade, and there were even long lines at the concession stand for most of the afternoon. Plymouth radio station Easy 99.1 WPLM was there to live broadcast the final day with Program Director Scott Reiniche and staff.

There were a lot of lasts. The last backward skate; the last Hokey Pokey led by Buttons, the Carousel mascot; and then the last dance itself.

Minutes after 5 p.m. Charlene took to the mike one final time, asked the skaters to clear the floor, and invited those without skates on to dance on the skate floor under the lights, “One last time.”

People took selfies and videos throughout the day but it was when Buttons came out to do the Hokey Pokey with the kids that the cell phones make their presence known.

Buttons, aka David Gomes, has been working at Carousel since 1992. He started working in the arcade and in the skate room but ended up doing a little of everything including taking on the roll of Buttons.

While he could not pin point one special memory he said it was the people that made the place “special.” And even though he is going to miss it he is going to enjoy his retirement.

Yvette Randall who lived in New

Bedford and now lives in Rochester has been skating here since it opened when she was a teenager. Her kids skated here and so did her grandchildren who were out there on the floor with her son.

“Birth day parties won’t be the same, we always came here,” said Ms. Randall. “That’s what I’ll miss the most.”

Her parents and great grandparents would go to watch every-one skate.

Fondest memories

Sean Rodrigues, 27, from Fall River, has been skating there for 22+ years. Accompanied by his mom Fatima who helps out, as Sean has a disability.

“When he was about five years old we started bringing him here every weekend for six months straight,” said Sean’s mom. “That’s how he learned to skate. Sean loves to be here and he loves to be out there skating with all of the people. He just belongs and fits in. He loves it here. We will definitely try to make it to the other location.”

Christopher Miller, 10 of Brockton had been skating there since he was four or five.

“I skated here and won my first competition. I took first place too!” said Mr. Miller “I’m really going to miss coming here.”

Teacher/skater Maurine Rodrigues

will miss being with the kids, watching them grow and progress in their skating. It was a way to stay connected with kids, she said. Maurine herself was seven years old when she started skating. Charlene was her teacher.

“It’s funny how Charlene taught me



ABOVE: Buttons, aka David Gomes, puts his right foot out leading the crowd in the Hokey Pokey on 11/11/19, the final day of operations for Carousel Family Fun Center in Fairhaven. BELOW LEFT: A group of locals all from Fairhaven, Acushnet, and New Bedford pose for a picture, some have been skating there for as long as they can remember. BELOW RIGHT: At the end of the night owner Charlene Conway thanks everyone for their support over the years. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

how to skate and I became a teacher here myself,” said Ms. Rodrigues.

She plans on going to Whitman with her three children.

As Cotton Eyed Joe faded from the speakers and the lights dimmed one last time, Ryan Tavares, a first national champion teacher, took to the floor for a few final laps. He had been an employee at Carousel since day one and needed just those few last laps to say a final farewell to an all too familiar floor.

Ms. Conway has announced that she is selling the building, but has not named the potential owner. However, Jerry Rogers of Falmouth Climate Controlled Storage in Falmouth sent a letter to town officials saying he wanted to buy the building, and was looking for some zoning relief to build a self storage facility at the location. The letter was read into the record at the 9/23/19 Selectboard meeting and was also discussed at a Planning Board meeting.



FHS Alumni Association invites classes to compete

Press Release

The The Fairhaven High School Alumni Association is in the middle of its annual Light-a-Light fundraiser, and their Colorado Blue Spruce Tree on the west lawn of the high school will be illuminated on Friday, 11/29, at dusk, around 5:30 p.m.

Almost 300 individual donations have been received so far, and the FHS Alumni Board of Directors has decided to award a \$500 Scholarship to a college-bound FHS senior from the Class of 2020 in the name of the class that has the largest number of donors as of December 31st.

As of November 17th the Class of 1961 was in first place (16), followed by the Class of 1966 (14). The Classes of 1953, 1964, 1965 and 1967 are in a battle for third place. Donations of \$10 or more in the name of deceased alumni will be counted towards that deceased alum's class total.

The entire list of donors by class can be viewed at: www.fairhavenalumni.org/news.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so by mail or through PayPal or Zelle by going to: www.fairhavenalumni.org/light



The Fairhaven Alumni Light-A-Light tree, a Colorado Blue Spruce, on the lawn of Fairhaven High School.

Photo Courtesy of Jaspimages

Plan ahead: Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday is weekend of 12/14

Press Release

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, 12/14, for the 22nd annual Old-Time 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. Tourism Director Christopher Richard credits Millicent Allen and Helen Radcliffe with first suggesting the idea.

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.

This year, as always, most of the Old-Time Holiday events take place

during the day on Saturday, December 14. 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 at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street. At these locations

During Fairhaven's 22nd annual Old-Time Holiday, people of all ages from throughout the SouthCoast area can find something to put them into the holiday spirit.

you'll find handmade crafts, gifts, holiday greens, delicious baked goods, gift baskets, silent auction items to bid on, and more. In the Town Hall there will also be face painting and a few children's activities. All three fairs run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

The Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, will hold a book fair with many local authors signing and selling their books. From 9:30 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.

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.

As lunch time rolls around, food will be available at three locations. A lobster roll luncheon will be held at the First Congregation 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, meat pies, spinach pies, stuffed quahogs, chips, soda

and water. There will also be cider and donuts available from the FHS Class of 2021 and popcorn from the Fairhaven Village Militia.

As you walk from place to place, you'll hear the musical sounds of the Buttonwood Brass, made up of Michael Rocha, Paul Chadbourne, and Shawn Baptista, as they stroll around the area from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The live music is supported by the vendors of Fairhaven's summer-time Huttleston Marketplace.

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

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Special Activities

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Computer Technology for Seniors

9-10:00 a.m. Space is limited to 15. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to sign up at 508-979-4029

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Acushnet News

From the Council On Aging/ Senior Center 59 1/2 S. Main St., Acushnet

Garden Club Holiday Green Sale

The New Bedford Garden Club will hold their Annual Holiday Green Sale at the Acushnet Senior Community Center on: Wednesday, 12/4, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Free Senior IDs

Tuesday, 12/10, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Acushnet Senior Community Center.

The Bristol County Sheriff's Office has launched a new, free public safety program for seniors. In just a few minutes, they can create a Senior ID card that has your name, photo and emergency contact. It's great as a second form of identification, and everyone is offered lanyards so seniors can wear it around their necks.

This free program is offered in partnership with COAs and TRIAD groups across the Bristol County area.

Ice Cream Social

Join Next Monitoring as they hold an ice cream social here at the Acushnet COA on Wednesday, 12/11, at 1:00 p.m. This event is free but you must reserve your seat, 508-998-0280.

COA Holiday Party

Wednesday, 12/23, 12:15 p.m. lunch; 1 p.m. musical entertainment

Join us to celebrate the holiday season with lunch (deli sandwiches) and musical entertainment by Country Flavored featuring rhythm guitar, lead guitar, vocals, and pedal steel guitar.

Tickets on sale December 2nd, \$4/per person.

Social Security Scams

The Inspector General for the Social Security Administration, Gail S. Ennis, and Commissioner of Social Security Andrew Saul announce the launch of a dedicated online form at <https://oig.ssa.gov> to receive reports from the public of Social Security-related scams.

These scams — in which fraudulent

callers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments to avoid arrest for purported Social Security number problems — skyrocketed over the past year to become the #1 type of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission and the Social Security Administration.

To combat these scams, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) will use the new online form to capture data that will be analyzed for trends and commonalities. The OIG will use the data to identify investigative leads, which could help identify criminal entities or individuals participating in or facilitating the scams. Ultimately, these efforts are expected to disrupt the scammers, helping reduce this type of fraud as well as the number of victims.

"We are taking action to raise awareness and prevent scammers from harming Americans," said Commissioner Saul. "I am deeply troubled that our country has not been able to stop these crooks from deceiving some of the most vulnerable members of our society."



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GNB Voc-Tech news

Welding Technology, at GNBVT is Cutting Edge

Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech is proud to announce that they will be adding a new and innovative piece of technology called a virtual welding



Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech's Academy Administrator, Jarrod Lussier works with exploratory freshmen on the Virtual Welding Simulator, a piece of equipment to be purchased through a grant, with the workforce development department. Photo: Total Welding Supply

simulator to the welding program. The purpose of this piece of equipment is to simulate and evaluate realistic touch and reaction to changes by the welder.

This piece of equipment will be purchased through a grant with the workforce development department. This fall, freshmen students in the exploratory program were able to try out this simulator in a realistic, hands-on setting. The students loved using this piece of technology so much, that they took it upon themselves to teach Academy Administrator, Jarrod Lussier how to weld using this piece of technology.

After working with Mr. Lussier, the students said he was a quick learner and graded him an "A" for effort.

The program looks forward to adding this simulator into their space

and continuing to educate students on relevant, cutting edge equipment.

GNBVT inducts 60 to National Honor Society

This fall, 60 outstanding students were recognized and inducted into Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech's chapter of the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, the NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1921.

Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in activities of the NHS. NHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop

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Hello and welcome to the first installment of *DVDdevelopments*, where we'll be looking at new movie and TV releases for sale, rental or streaming each month. Some of these DVDs (or Blu-rays) will also be available for checking out at the Millicent Library or requesting through interlibrary loan. So, without further ado...

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST END

By far, the most-requested title in December from those who don't have HBO will be the final season (8) of the mega-popular *Game of Thrones* (Dec. 3). On the same date, HBO will release the complete series, in both regular and collector's editions. The show was too depressing for me, but it definitely has its fans.

Other notable TV in December: Russell Crowe as Roger Ailes in *The Loudest Voice* (Dec. 10), *Doc Martin* series 9 (Dec. 10), *The Simpsons* season 19 (Dec. 3).

IT'S SHOWTIME

A surprise (if moderate) hit this past summer was Quentin Tarantino's epic *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* (Dec. 10). If you ask how a movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt could be a "surprise" hit, I reply

DVD Developments

that no star is a guarantee of box-office success any more. If you want to have a double feature, I recommend the thriller *Lucky Day* (same date), the first film in 17 years by writer/director Roger Avary, who co-wrote Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*.

Other cult favorites this month: Sandahl Bergman in the '80s action-fantasy *She* (Dec. 3), Drew Barrymore in *The Amy Fisher Story* (Dec. 17), *The Peanut Butter Solution* (not to be confused with last month's *The Peanut Butter Falcon* (Dec. 10).

ENDGAME

Each month, the Criterion Collection releases a handful of goodies — foreign, classics, or just plain movies that rate your attention — so I'll try to spotlight their wares in this space. At their best, Criterion offers film school on a disc. The big one in December is Wim Wenders' 1991 sci-fi epic *Until the End of the World* (Dec. 10), which has never before seen a DVD release in America. Better yet, this is the full, nearly five-hour cut, not the incoherent, hacked-down 158-minute version you may have seen in its brief theatrical run (the soundtrack was always more popular) or on videocassette. I for one can't wait.

Other Criterion releases in December: A restored edition of Kelly Reichardt's mellow drama *Old Joy* (Dec. 10), the 1960 Alec Guinness vehicle *Tunes of Glory* (Dec. 3), the once-scandalous 1933 classic *The Story of Temple Drake* with Miriam Hopkins (Dec. 3).

WHIPLASH

Sometimes it's amusing to see what mismatched stuff comes out on the same day. For instance, December

17 brings DVDs of *Rambo: Last Blood* (gee, you promise?) and the *Downton Abbey* movie. Trying to watch these back-to-back will probably give you a sprain. As if that weren't a weird enough combo, December 10 offers the horror sequel *It: Chapter 2* and the crime movie *Hustlers*, which have nothing to do with each other except healthy box office; for a soothing chaser there's always the documentary *Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice*. And Christmas Eve day at least gives us a natural double feature with Renee Zellweger's Judy Garland biopic *Judy* and the documentary *Drag Kids*.

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS STREAM

If you were to subscribe to all the streaming services currently out there, you might as well just subscribe to cable. For now, though, it's useful to see which projects each service hopes to use to lure you in. Netflix, for instance, delivers the Oscar hopeful *Marriage Story* (with Scarlett Johansson and Adam Driver) on December 6. Hulu's original action-drama series *Reprisal* bows on that day, too. Amazon Prime picked up Syfy's cancelled show *The Expanse* for a fourth and fifth season; season 4 will arrive December 13. And Apple TV+ has the new crime drama series *Truth Be Told* starring Octavia Spencer, out on December 6.

TUNE IN NEXT MONTH...

...to check out what the new year has in store, including *Big Little Lies* Season 2, *Jay and Silent Bob Reboot*, and the new Lucy Lawless crime show *My Life Is Murder*. See you then...

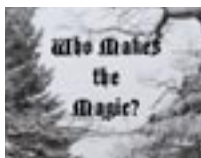
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Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street
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1. 250 Bridge Street, Map 36, Lot 15. 198-18: Variance request for 45' on buffer requirement of 50'. 198-18: Variance request for 18' on rear setback of a required 50'. And on 240, a variance is needed to require no planting of street trees.
2. 3 Sunset Lane, Map 26, Lot 165. 198-22: Variance request for 130 sq feet over the 700 sq feet allowable for an accessory structure in a RR District for a garage. 198-22 (a) (2): Variance over 7' over maximum height of 20' for an accessory structure.
3. 38 Doane Street, Map 2, Lot 33: 198-18: Variance request for 19' on front yard setback, of a required 20' and 11' variance request front yard (Short Street) of a required 20'. Also Special Permit request for an accessory apartment.
4. 21 Holiday Drive, Map 29C, Lot 662. 198-18: Variance request for 6% over building coverage of 15% in a RR District for an oversized garage.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman
11/21/19, 11/28/19

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN TAX RATE CLASSIFICATION HEARING

In accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the issue of allocating the local property tax levy among the five major property classes. The hearing will be held in the Banquet Room of the Town Hall, Fairhaven, Massachusetts on December 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM. The hearing is held to give input to the Board of Selectmen who according to this state must determine the local property tax burden to be levied among the five property classes which are: residential, open space, commercial, industrial, and personal property. All interested taxpayers are invited to attend and may present oral or written information on their view. The Board of Assessors will be in attendance to provide all information and data relevant to making their determination.

Board of Selectmen: Charles K. Murphy, Sr.,
Robert Espindola, Daniel Freitas
FNN 11/21/19



TOWN OF ACUSHNET SNOW STORM – PARKING BAN

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Roger A. Cabral, Chairman, Kevin Gaspar, Sr.,
David Desroches
ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FNN, 11/21/19



TOWN OF ACUSHNET Snow Plow Drivers Needed

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET PUBLIC HEARING/CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town of Acushnet Cable Television Advisory Committee will conduct a hearing at 5:00 p.m. December 5, 2019 at the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room. The purpose of this hearing will be to ascertain the Town's cable television-related needs in connection with the proposed renewal of the Town's cable television license with Comcast and other matters related to the operation by Comcast of the current cable television license. Any applications, reports, statements, and amendments to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 130 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743.

The public is hereby notified that the cable operator, Comcast, has submitted a renewal proposal for the Acushnet cable television license. A copy of that renewal proposal is available for review at the Town Offices.

Cable Television Advisory Committee
FNN, 11/21/19, 11/28/19

I'm always asked, "What's
the secret to success?"
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Be humble. Be hungry.
And always be the hardest
worker in the room.

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson

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further through active involvement in school activities and community service. Four main purposes have guided chapters of NHS from the beginning: "To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to simulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the student in the secondary school." (From the NHS constitution). These purposes also translate into the criteria used for membership selection in each local chapter.

Congratulations to our newly inducted National Honor Society Students:

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Marcus DosSantos, Brianna Machado,

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caroling led by Acushnet's Miss Apple-Peach Tori Kaliz and the arrival of Santa on a fire engine. Then hot chocolate and snacks will be available inside in the auditorium.

On Sunday, December 15, St. Joseph School will hold a Breakfast with Santa at 100 Spring Street. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausages, juice, milk, and coffee. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children and may be purchased at St. Joseph School now through December 6 or at the door. Also, you may purchase pictures with your child and Santa for \$5.00 and a

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During Fairhaven's 22nd annual Old-Time Holiday, people of all ages from throughout the SouthCoast area can find something to put them into the holiday spirit.

Visit <https://fairhaventours.com/fairhaven-old-time-holiday/>.

Fairhaven Meetings

Board of Appeals

Tues., 12/3, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Assessors

Fri., 11/22, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Community Preservation

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

Conservation Commission

Mon., 11/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Contributory Retirement

Tues., 11/26, Town Hall, 9 a.m.

Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 12/3, Town Hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 12/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 12/11, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 12/2, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting Review Com.

Thurs., 11/21, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Cable Advisory Comm.

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

Selectboard

Fri., 11/22, Town Hall, Noon

Mon., 11/25, Town Hall, Noon

Tues., 11/26, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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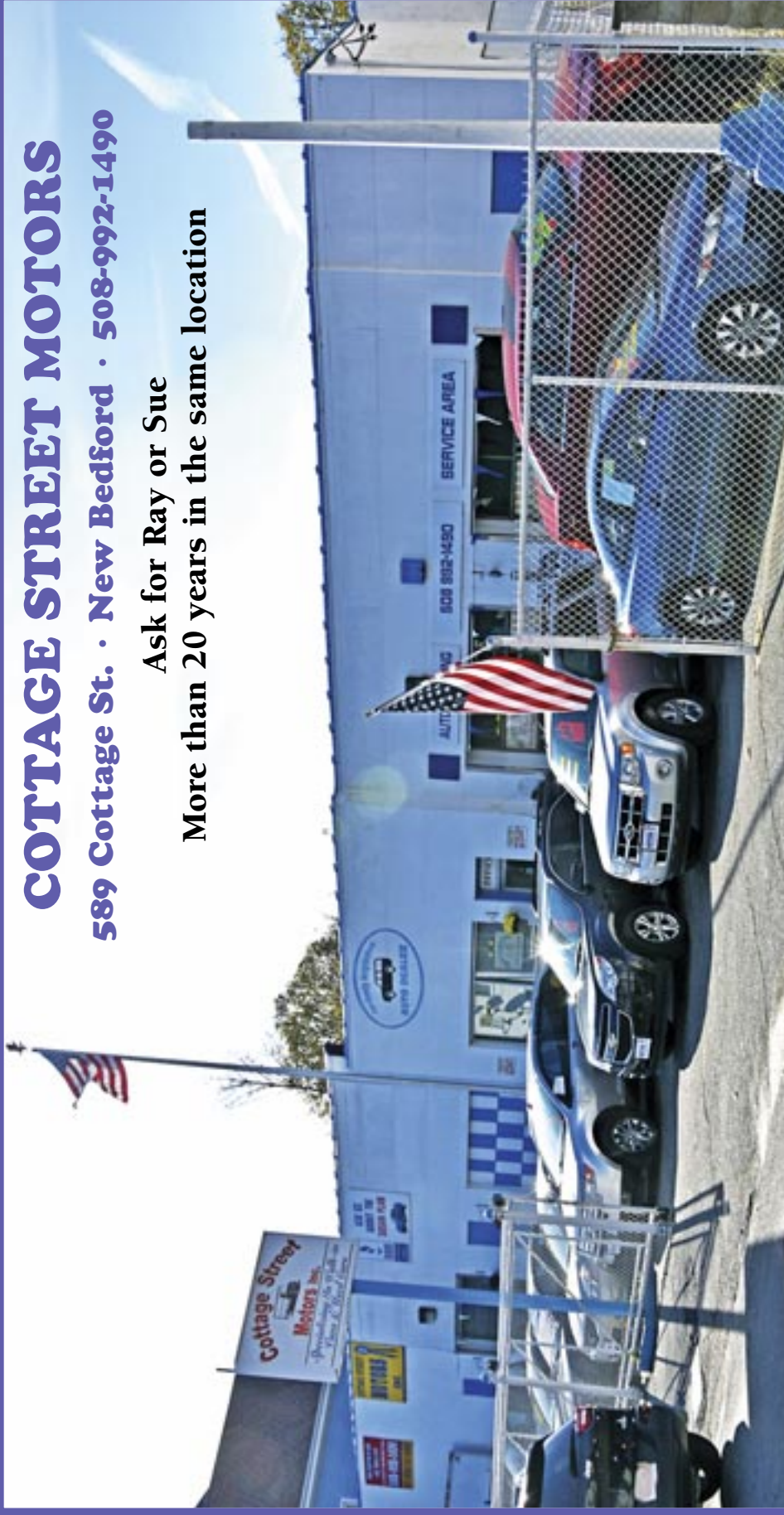
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