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Christmas lights make the season bright



The lights at 35 Gellette Road in Fairhaven spell out "Happy Holidays" on 12/13/21, an annual tradition that uses more than 200,000 lights to make the season bright. See page 12 for more photos. *Photo by Beth David.*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.

Well, here it is, the much anticipated (by me, anyway) last issue of 2021.

I have to say I am seriously looking forward to the next couple of weeks. Not only will I be free of deadlines, I will be free to seek out Santa! He'll be cruising through Fairhaven on Saturday (see page 3) and having breakfast in Acushnet on Sunday (see page 9).

I think he'll be around in other places, too, but I don't have his entire itinerary.

Hmm...the guy is all over the place and he needs Christmas magic to do it all, so...what itinerary, huh?

I hope you will all try to keep the spirit of Christmas in your hearts this season.

Take a drive to see the lights (see pages 12, 13). It costs very little to drive around and it is so much fun. There are lots of houses that are decorated, not just the few we listed here.

There are toy drives and food drives, and all kinds of other fun stuff going on. The stores are bustling (be kind to the workers, okay?). The restaurants are dishing out specials (be patient with those dealing with staffing shortages, okay?). The bars are back in business with live music (keep your distance from each other if you can). And the weather is cooperating: It's brisk and sunny, when it could be really cold and wet.

So let's be happy that we're moving through this holiday season in decent shape this year.

In the central and southern US, they got devastated by tornadoes. We've been lucky the last few years. Let's acknowledge that and be happy.

Enjoy the company of those you love, let your sense of humor take over when you have to deal with those whom you do NOT love quite so much.

And, grab some popcorn and watch a movie to warm your soul.

See you on 1/6 (unless I hit the lottery, then it's sayonara for good!).

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays to you and yours!



Beth David, Publisher

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Santa will cruise through Fairhaven this Saturday



Santa Cruise: Sat., 12/18 (Raindate Dec. 19th)

Hold onto your hats, Santa & Mrs. Claus will be cruising through town! Come out to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus as they drive through Fairhaven in an Old Fire Truck.

Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. Times are approximate.

NORTH FAIRHAVEN START 1:00 pm

- Oxford School/Benoit Square
- East on Howland Road

- North on Alden Road
- South on Main Street
- **STOP AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH**
- Continue South on Main Street
- East on Route 6
- North on Adams Street
- East on Howland Road
- South on Alden Road to Bridge Street

EAST FAIRHAVEN

- 1:30 pm East on Bridge Street
- South on New Boston Rd to Rt 6
- **STOP AT EAST FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL**
- East (left) on Rt 6
- South on Gillette Street
- West on Hill Street
- South on Brook Drive
- North on Brook Drive
- West on Hill Street
- South on Evergreen Street
- West on Stephen Street to end

- North on Hamlet to Rt 6
- **SCONTICUT NECK TO WEST ISLAND**
2:00 pm from Rt 6
- South on Sconticut Neck Road
- **STOP AT WOOD SCHOOL**
- Continue South on Sconticut Neck Road
- East on Goulart Memorial Drive
- Over the Causeway
- North on Ebony Street
- West on Cherry Stone Street
- South on Balsam Street
- West over Causeway
- North on Sconticut Neck to Rt 6

CENTER/FORT From Route 6

- 2:40 pm West on Washington Street
- South on Green Street
- **STOP AT FORT PHOENIX**
- North on Fort Street
- West on South Street
- North on Main Street
- East on Center Street
- North on Pleasant Street
- East on Washington Street
- North on Adams Street
- END Oxford School 3:10 pm

**Find a spot and get ready.
Santa Claus is coming to Town!**

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Join us for any or all of these special services:

Sunday, 12/19/2021

Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service – 6:00 PM

A quiet, soothing service that acknowledges the varied feelings we may be experiencing this time of year: readings, music, silent reflection time and an opportunity to light candles and be anointed with oil if desired.

Friday, 12/24/2021 Service for Families with Young Children– 4:00 PM

A shorter, family-friendly service. We will tell the Christmas Story in an interactive way, sing a few carols, say our prayers and light glow sticks around the nativity. While designed to appeal to the littlest ones among us, anyone is certainly welcome to attend!

Friday, 12/24/2021:

Candlelight Service – 6 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

A service of readings, music and prayer to celebrate Christmas in our candlelit sanctuary. When we leave we will take Christ's joy and love with us into the December night. All are welcome.

Call 508-993-3368 for more information.

Masks required at all services.

Fairhaven School Department chooses assistant superintendent

Press Release

Fairhaven Public Schools announced the hiring of a new Assistant Superintendent at its School Committee meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Mark Balestracci will assume the role of Assistant Superintendent starting on December 13, 2021.

Balestracci, a South Coast native, is leaving his 16-year tenure with the Mashpee Public Schools, most recently as their middle-senior high school principal, for his new role in Fairhaven.

“With his experience and knowledge, Mr. Balestracci will be a valuable addition to our district,” East Fairhaven Elementary School Principal and hiring panel member Wendy Weidenfeller said.

Balestracci attended and graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in 2006 in Worcester, where he also played football.

The Mashpee Middle/High School principal for the past seven years began his educational career as a history teacher in the district in 2007. Balestracci taught at the high school until being appointed to lead grades 7

through 9 at Mashpee Middle/High School. Then, Balestracci was named principal of the entire building.

Mashpee Superintendent Patty DeBoer said that Mr. Balestracci was responsible for turning Mashpee Middle/High School into an innovative learning environment.

Longstanding School Committee member, Colin Veitch said about Balestracci, “I was very impressed with his competence, experience and focus on supporting our teachers and staff with resources, and his time, so they can excel in educating our students. I am looking forward to working with him and seeing how he will make our district even better.”

“Mr. Balestracci will be an excellent addition to Fairhaven Public Schools. During the interview process, it was clear that he is eager to help our district continue to implement initiatives that will further benefit our students, academically, socially, and emotionally. He has clear commitment to the students, school district, and community at large,” said Rob Gesualdo, a history teacher at FHS who was on the hiring

committee.

“After a rigorous four-stage interview process, it was a unanimous vote that Mr. Balestracci would be the best candidate for the position. I am eager to partner with him to build upon the solid foundation we have worked so hard to have here in Fairhaven. I look forward to our work together to support all students who attend the Fairhaven Public School District to receive the best educational experiences in the region. This is the type of energy we look forward to having, to serve our school communities in Fairhaven,” said Superintendent Tara Kohler.

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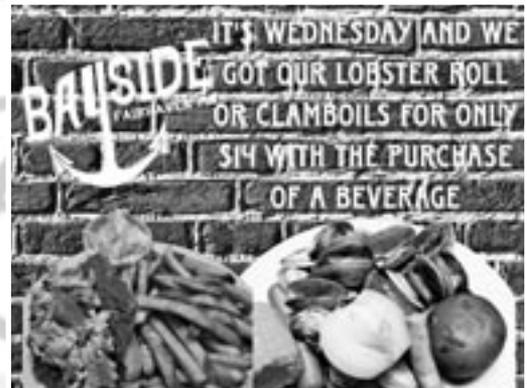
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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Santa Cruise

Santa will be cruising around Fairhaven on Saturday. See page 3.

Santa in the Lights

Come celebrate the annual light display at 35 Gellette Road, Fairhaven. Enjoy 200,000 lights nightly from 5:30 p.m. This Fri. & Sat., 12/17 & 18, from 5-9 p.m. (weather permitting), take pictures with Santa and the Grinch and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Please donate a non-perishable, non-expired food item for the M.O. LIFE food pantry.

Have a holly jolly holiday season!

Home for the Holidays

Fairhaven TV presents a virtual holiday party, Home for the Holidays. FREE all-ages online event. Thurs., 12/16, 6 p.m. Featuring live interactive show, join the fun on Zoom; chat with Santa on a virtual LIVE call from the North Pole; holiday trivia, stories, magic tricks and surprises hosted by "New England's Favorite Magician," Todd Migliacci.

Fun for the whole family, whatever you celebrate! For more info and to watch online, visit FairhavenTV.com/HomeForTheHolidays

FHS Drama Presents

After a long two years without live theatre, the Fairhaven High School Theatre Company is thrilled to be welcoming audiences back for this year's fall production: *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind* by Greg Allen.

Known as the longest running show in Chicago to this day, YOU as the audience have the power. The numbers 1-30 are hung on a clothesline onstage, each one correlating to a different "play" or scene. The actors will ask the audience for a number, and whichever one they hear is the play that's performed next. And it all has to be done within 60 minutes! *Too Much Light...* invites the audience to become a part of a hilarious, chaotic, and thought-provoking experience. With the performances being different each night, this is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind will be performed at Fairhaven

High School on at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 17 & 18; and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 19. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$8 for children under the age of 12 and can be purchased at <https://gofan.co/app/school/MA22183> or in person before each performance. For more information, email mrebello@fairhavenps.net

Fill the Bus

Join Safe Zones, the Fairhaven Police Department, Tremblay's Bus Company and the Mass. State Police for the 11th annual Fill the Bus Toy Drive, at the Fairhaven Wal-Mart from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat., 12/18. We will be accepting unwrapped toys for children and teens of all ages. All you have to do is help fill the bus with Christmas gifts for our area kids. Gift cards are a great idea for our middle and high school kids.

Call 508-889-1752 for more info.

The Acushnet PD will join New Bedford and the Mass. State Police on Sat., 12/18 from 9 to 4 p.m. at the Dartmouth Walmart.

Gifts can also be dropped off at any one of our local police departments: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mass. State Police, New Bedford.

Light Show

Join us on Sat., 12/18, at 6 p.m. for an outside light show presentation at Victory Baptist Church, 7 Park Ave. Fairhaven,

Christmas Song Ser

Victory Baptist Church, 7 Park Ave. Fairhaven, is hosting a Christmas song service, Sun., 12/19, at 6 p.m. Just singing hymns and songs, no preaching. Refreshments will be served.

Memorial Display

Starry Nights at Community Nurse Home Care, a memorial display to honor those we've loved and lost.

A holiday display of memorial ornaments will be installed in the Community Nurse Home Care's Fairhaven Office Memorial Garden from December 13, 2021 - January 3, 2022. Visitors will find memorial star ornaments hung in the lit decorated trees. Throughout the holidays, visitors can stroll at their leisure through the gardens and enjoy the lights. Information about the

remembrances are available on the website from now until the display is complete. You can visit www.communitynurse.com/starrynights for more information or to purchase a star or contact the Director of Community Engagement and Development spowers@communitynurse.com.

The public is invited to come to a special evening of remembrance with hot chocolate and cookies at Community Nurse at 62 Center Street, Fairhaven on Dec. 16 from 4pm-6pm.

Special thanks to our top sponsor, Mutual of America Financial Group.

"Mutual of America Financial Group is pleased to support Community Nurse Home Care's mission by serving as a Platinum Star Sponsor for its Starry Nights," said Michael Braney, Vice President of Mutual of America's Providence Regional Office. "Like CNHC, we are proud of our longtime commitment to southeastern Massachusetts and to our deep culture of caring, giving back and making a positive, meaningful difference in the communities where we live and work. Starry nights is a beautiful way to remember loved ones this holiday season."

Millicent Mobile WiFi

Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven, has mobile Wi-Fi hotspots available to lend to library cardholders. The hotspots allow you to connect your Wi-Fi enabled devices such as phones, tablets, and laptops to provide you with internet service at home or on the go. A Wi-Fi hotspot can provide internet service for up to ten connected devices and can be used in most places.

To borrow a hotspot, you must be at least 18 years old with a library card in good standing. Only one hotspot is allowed per household and can be borrowed for one week.

The library has fifteen T-Mobile T9 Franklin Mobile Hotspots available. Ten of the hotspots and data plans have been purchased using funds from the American Rescue Plan administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The hotspots were distributed by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and are funded

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from our homes to yours! At Howe Allen Realty, our pets are family. We want to see how you and your pets are celebrating this holiday season. Please visit our Facebook page and “Show Us Your Pets.”



Don't forget these



In addition to the light displays we have shown you this week on pages 12 & 13, we want to make sure you don't forget the Christmas tree on the grounds of the West Island Improvement Association, with its nautical touches, 41 Causeway Road, Fairhaven (LEFT and courtesy of Margie Green Joseph). And, for you indoor only people, visit the Millicent Library (RIGHT) to check out their book tree.

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Mercy Meals & More

Mercy Meals and More is a non-profit program that provides a nutritious beginning to the day for our neighbors in need.

Breakfast is served daily Monday through Saturday with individual service. Guests are treated with dignity and respect.

We also provide clothing and foot care to those in need. The goal is not only to provide free meals, clothing and foot care, but to also create a healthy atmosphere that builds networks of friendships and a stronger community.

Breakfast is served from 6:30-7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat., at Pilgrim U.C.C. Hall, 634 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA. Visit www.mercymealsandmore.com or find them on Facebook.

To volunteer or donate supplies, contact Program Director David Motta, 508-264-8183; or send check to Mercy Meals & More, PO Box 40515, New Bedford, MA 02744.

Vax Clinics

Scheduling for local COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be adjusted during the 10-day period around Christmas Day and New Year's Day, with fewer options in order to accommodate the holidays. Check vaxnb.com for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations.

All local COVID-19 vaccine and testing locations will be closed on Dec. 24, Dec. 25, and Dec. 31, 2021, and on Jan. 1, 2022.

Free, walk-up clinics offer CDC-approved booster shots, in addition to first- and second-dose vaccines and, at most locations, pediatric vaccines. Please bring your vaccination card when getting a booster.

- Fri., 12/17: PAACA, 360 Coggeshall St., 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., J&J, Moderna, Pfizer, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old
- Sat., 12/18: Andrea McCoy Recreation Center, 181 Hillman St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J; pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old
- Sun., 12/19: Abraham Lincoln School, 445 Ashley Blvd, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pfizer, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old
- Mon., 12/20: Andrea McCoy Recreation

Center, 181 Hillman St., 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old; Moderna boosters

- Tues., 12/21: Former Fire Station 11, 754 Brock Ave., 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., J&J, Pfizer and Moderna; pediatric vaccines for children 5-11
- Mon., 12/27: Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old; Moderna boosters
- Tues., 12/28: Former Fire Station 11, 754 Brock Ave., 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., J&J, Pfizer and Moderna; pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11

Reminder on the importance of vaccinations, especially ahead of the holidays: Vaccination levels in the region remain low, and daily case rates remain high. Getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is not only about protecting yourself – it's also about protecting your family, friends, and community. Vaccination is critically important during the holiday season, when large family gatherings could lead to super-spreader events among people who are unvaccinated.

City leaders and health officials are urging unvaccinated residents to get their first shot and begin vaccination as soon as possible, in order to have safe and healthy holidays.

COVID Testing

Holiday testing locations in New Bedford include:

- Sun., 12/19: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Mon., 12/20: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Mon., 12/20: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Tues., 12/21: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Tues., 12/21: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Wed., 12/22: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport, 1569 Airport Road, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Wed., 12/22: Seven Hills at PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 11 a.m. to 4 p.
 - Thurs., 12/23 Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport 1569 Airport Road, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Thurs., 12/23 Former Fire Station 11, 754 Brock Ave., 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- TESTING SITES CLOSED ON

CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY

- Sun., 12/26: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Mon., 12/27: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Mon., 12/27: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Tues., 12/28: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Tues., 12/28: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Wed., 12/29: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport (1569 Airport Road) – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Wed., 12/29: Seven Hills at PAACA, 360 Coggeshall St., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Thurs., 12/30: Project Beacon at New Bedford Regional Airport, 1569 Airport Road, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Thurs., 12/30: Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- TESTING SITES CLOSED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, NEW YEAR'S DAY

Women in Fishing

In conjunction with its latest gallery exhibit, *Women's Work: At Sea, On Shore, At Home, In the Community*, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will present a variety of programs highlighting women in commercial fishing communities. All programs are free and open to the public, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford; <https://fishingheritagecenter.org>.

Fri., 12/17, 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL FILM SCREENING

Open Line Directed by Andres Camacho (2019). A film about Pebble Mine and the Bristol Bay salmon fishery featuring Melanie Brown, a Yupik fisherwoman who has been set net fishing on Bristol Bay for over forty years. Melanie Brown and Andres Camacho will participate in a post-film discussion. The program will be presented via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89415812320>

Thurs., 1/6/22 - 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL CONCERT

A virtual concert with traditional Newfoundland singer, Anita Best, who has spent a lifetime exploring, cataloguing and celebrating the rural Newfoundland lifestyle and culture and is one of the province's most prominent traditional singers. The concert will be live streamed on the Center's Facebook Page.

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HAPPENINGS OTHER LATITUDES

Breakfast w/Santa

Join Acushnet American Legion Post 265 for Breakfast with Santa, Sun., 12/19, 9–11 a.m., 71 Hope St., Acushnet. FREE

Advent Services

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church would like to invite the community to several special events during the Advent season. Remaining events:

Every Sunday in Advent will be celebrated with lighting of the Advent candle with a culmination of all the candles being lit on Christmas Eve.

The **Christmas Eve Family Service** will be held at 5:00 pm and a Candlelight Service with a performance by the Harper and the Minstrel will be held at 10 pm.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Advent season at Mattapoissett Congregational Church. Visit mattapoissettcongregationalchurch.org for more information!

At Mattapoissett Mus

December Events at the Mattapoissett Museum, 5 Church St., Mattapoissett, www.mattapoissettmuseum.org

- 12/18, 6:00 PM Christmas Caroling in Mattapoissett Village Hot cocoa and goodies at the museum. No registration required.
- 12/17, 6:00 PM Southcoast Lessons presents Open Mic Night - The mic is yours! All ages and all genres welcome - sing a song, play an instrument, read your favorite poem, tell a story, and enjoy what your community has to offer. Space is limited.
- 12/26, 1:00 PM Southcoast Lessons presents Old Time Fiddle Session - Join us for a gathering of traditional string band musicians and music lovers. Bring an instrument if you play, a seat if you've got one you love, and yourself whether you play and own seating or not!

All events are free but donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Contact Mattapoissett Museum at info@mattapoissettmuseum.org or Jeff Angeley at southcoastlessons@gmail.com for more information.

Art Exhibit

Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St., 2021/2022 Artist Series:

John Middleton: Found Objects Transformed. Exhibition: December 15, 2021 – January 14, 2022.

After receiving a PhD in English in the midwest (writing his dissertation on Moby-Dick), Mattapoissett resident John Middleton was an assistant professor of English in Georgia. He then had a career in sales and marketing. When he retired from business, he earned an MFA in artisanry from UMass Dartmouth.

Middleton began collecting lost or discarded objects he found from local waters. Time, tides, wind, storms, marine organisms, and the sun transformed these found objects, rendering them strange and beautiful. Middleton's purpose is to bring these found objects together in sculpted works of art that call attention to the dignity, beauty, and uniqueness of their transformations as well as to their stories.

First Night Boston

First Night Boston, New England's biggest New Year's Eve Party, returns this year to celebrate the start of 2022! Join us on New Year's Eve to experience an afternoon and evening of entertainment, dazzling ice sculptures, lights, and fireworks! Visit <https://www.firstnightboston.org> for schedule.

Citywide events start at noon on Friday, 12/31.

Opening ceremony and people's procession at 5:50 p.m. from Copley Square to Boston Common. Featuring giant puppets, dancers, motor vehicles, and loud music, this is a parade you don't want to miss!

Family fireworks at 7 p.m.; Boston Harbor Fireworks at midnight. Celebrate the New Year with the highly anticipated Pyrotechnics & Light Show at midnight, with a multi-sensory display and live music at Copley Square.

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La Salette Lights

Annual Festival of Lights at La Salette Shrine, 947 Park St., Attleboro, Mass.

Holiday Masses:

- Christmas Eve, 12/24, 4:00 pm (Christmas Pageant) & 6:00 pm
- Midnight Mass (Dec. 25), 12:00 am
- Christmas Day, 12/25, 12:10 pm

- New Year's Eve Masses, 12/31, 6:00 pm (English) & 10:00 pm (French)
 - New Year's Day, 1/1, 12:10 pm & 4 pm
- Visit lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/christmas-festival

Winter Lights on Cape Ann

Celebrating 150 Displays of Lights! Now through January 2. Over 150 places are lit up throughout Cape Ann to help us all celebrate the joys of the season. A custom-designed Google Drive Map has been produced and available at www.discovergloucester.com/winter-lights-cape-ann-highlighting-Rockport-Gloucester-Magnolia-Essex-and-Manchester's-participating-locations. We invite family, friends, locals and visitors alike to join us for a month-long promotion of enchanting exploration and glimmering light displays.night.

Girl Scout Cookies

It's Official: Girl Scout Cookie Season Has Arrived! Girl Scouts in eastern Massachusetts are now selling the new brownie-inspired Adventurefuls™ cookie alongside other favorites, and each purchase powers amazing adventures for them. The annual cookie sale will run through March 11, 2022.

Girl Scout Cookies are \$5 per package. There are many ways to support the Girl Scout Cookie sale this season:

- If you know a registered Girl Scout, reach out to her to find out how she's selling cookies.
- Visit www.gsema.org to have Girl Scout cookies shipped directly to your door. GSEMA will cover 50% of customers' shipping costs for all online Direct Ship orders of six packages or more.
- Customers can make a purchase in-person or online and designate their purchase for donation to Cookies for a Cause to benefit first responders and healthcare professionals, the military and veterans' services organizations, local food pantries, and more.

Every Girl Scout Cookie purchase fuels local Girl Scouts' adventures throughout the year: exploring what interests them, discovering their passions, and taking action on issues they care about.

Recipe of the Week

Christmas Morning Casserole

- 7 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 (16-ounce) package refrigerated flaky biscuit dough, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 6-8 slices bacon, cooked, drained on paper towels, and cut into 1-inch pieces

Preheat oven to 350°.

Lightly grease a 9x13-inch casserole dish.

In a large bowl, mix the eggs and milk.

Add in the biscuit pieces, cheddar cheese, onions, and bacon, gently folding them into the egg mixture until everything is evenly coated.

Pour everything into the prepared casserole dish and bake until the eggs are firmly set and the biscuits are puffy and golden brown, about 25-minutes.

Serve hot!

From CookingProfessionally.com

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighbnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

Dear Frankie



Holiday Deliveries

Dear Frankie,
I was thrilled when my mom told me that our family would be living on a sailboat for a week over the Christmas holiday. I couldn't wait to get to the park to tell

my friends. Several of them had also gone sailing. They said they loved being out on the water, far from anywhere, and hanging out just with their family.

Jess, who is a schnauzer, and very smart, asked, "If you are way out in the ocean, how is Santa Claus going to know where to bring your presents?"

I never thought about that, and now I'm worried sick that my siblings, who have been good all year long, won't get any presents.

Rags

Dear Rags,

It would have never occurred to me that Santa wouldn't know where everyone was on Christmas Eve. I asked Rufus, who is my oldest and wisest friend. He was amused by my question and assured me I had no reason to worry.

He explained that Mrs. Claus was in charge of deliveries and was also a smart cookie like Jess. He said that Mrs. Claus had excellent organizational skills and

prided herself on never missing anyone on Christmas Eve.

If you are not convinced and still concerned about a delivery slip-up, I suggest you FedX a letter to the North Pole with specific instructions or even a chart on where your families might be dropping anchor on the big night.

Best, Frankie

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Comments and letters can be sent to [Frankie at dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com](mailto:dearfrankiecolumn@gmail.com). The Fairhaven Neighborhood News publishes the Dear Frankie column. To receive a free online subscription, readers can email neighbnews@comcast.net, request their name be added to the email list or visit www.neighbnews.com to read the paper online or to download the latest issue.

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, with the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

Clement Clarke Moore



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Four take out papers for three Select Board seats

As of press time, four candidates had taken out papers to run for Fairhaven Selectboard in the 4/4/22 election. This election will have three seats on the ballot, as it is the election that will expand the board from three to five members.

So far Leon Correy, Cameron Durant, Charles Murphy Sr., and incumbent Stasia Powers have taken out papers for Select Board. None has returned the papers yet.

Peter DeTerra has taken out papers and returned them with the required signatures for this seat on the Board of Health.

School Committee incumbents Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen have both taken out papers for their seats; incumbent Barbara Acksen has taken out papers for her seat as a Commissioner of Trust Funds; acting town clerk Linda Fredette has taken out papers for her seat; and Gary F. Souza has taken out papers for Housing Authority.

Nomination papers for all offices in Fairhaven in the 4/4/22 election are now available. Next year, three seats will be on the ballot for the Select Board. The seat now held by Stasia Powers will be up for re-election as scheduled, and two new seats will also be on the ballot. The person with the most votes will serve three years, the second place person will serve two years, the third place person will serve one year before needing to run again. After this year, all seats will be three year terms. Town Meeting voted this year to increase the number of seats on the SB to five, from three, and the Mass. state legislature voted to enact the change.

The Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Deadline to register to vote is 3/15/22.

You may register to vote any day from 8:30 a.m.-4:30p.m. Monday-Friday. Mail-in Voter Registration Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Millicent Library

and State and Federal offices.

- **Friday, January 24, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for Town Meeting Member incumbents to file written request for re-election with the Town Clerk
- **Thursday, February 10, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for requesting nomination papers
- **Monday, February 14, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour for filing all nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters (Town Clerk's Office)
- **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 5 p.m.:** Last day and hour to withdraw nomination papers
- **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 8 p.m.:** Last day to register voters for the Town Election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. this day
- **Monday, March 28, 2022** Warrant must be posted

Where do I vote?

The Town of Fairhaven Precinct Boundary Map can be found at (<https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3131/f/uploads/fairhaven2010.pdf>). This map will be updated with the 2020 Census Re-precincting information as soon as we receive the final approved information from the State.

- Precinct one: Town Hall, 40 Center St.
- Precincts two and three: Elizabeth Hastings Middle School, 30 School St.
- Precinct four: Fire Station Meeting Room, 146 Washington St.
- Precincts five and six, Recreation Center, 227 Huttleston Ave.

2022 Town Election Seats

- Town Clerk, 3 Years, One seat, Linda Fredette, incumbent
- Select Board: 3 Years, One seat, Stasia A. Powers incumbent 2 Years, One, Vacant (New) 1 Year, One, Vacant (New)
- School Committee 3 Years, Two, Kyle Bueno and Erik Andersen

incumbents

- Board of Health, 3 Years, One, Peter Deterra incumbent
- Commissioner of Trust Funds, 3 Years, One, Barbara Acksen incumbent 1 Year (unexpired term), One, Vacant
- Board of Public Works, 3 Years, One, G. Steven Riley incumbent
- Planning Board, 4 Years, Two, Geoffrey Haworth II and John Farrell incumbents
- Housing Authority, 5 Years, One, Marc Scanlon incumbent

How to run

Nomination papers are available now at the Town Clerk's Office located inside Town Hall at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Nomination papers for town-wide office election require 50 certified signatures. Completed nomination papers with signatures must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00PM.

How do I get on the ballot as a Town Meeting Member?

Nomination papers are available as now at the Town Clerk's Office located inside Town Hall at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven. Nomination papers for Town Meeting require 10 certified signatures from your precinct only. Town Meeting Members who seek re-election should file a written request with the Town Clerk no later than Friday, January 24, 2022 at 5PM.

Completed nomination papers with signatures must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:00PM.

For information on registering to vote, visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/voter-resources> or call the Town Clerk at (508) 979-4023 ext. 3

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Diane Sawyer

Fairhaven residents get into Christmas spirit with lights

By Beth David
Editor

Residents all over the area worked hard to make their homes bright for the season. Once again, Gellette Road takes the cake with its 200,000+ lights and thoughtful use of all of them. The house on Route 6 near Welcome Street is also back at it. We truly want to give others some ink, but...ah...how can we resist these two?

Marc Robillard, who decorates 35 Gellette every year clearly revels in the challenge. He also hosts Santa (see page 5) every year to spread the Christmas spirit.

"I wouldn't do it if I didn't love it," said Mr. Robillard, adding it takes about 550 hours of decorating.

We encourage our readers to hop in the car and cruise around as soon as the sun goes down (on Gellette,

you need to wait until about 5:30 for all the lights to be on) and cruise by these houses, and find your own. See a few from Acushnet on the next page.

Be sure to visit New Bedford and Tri Town, too. The Christmas spirit is everywhere. You just have to look.

And Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays to all our readers.

Visit our website at www.neighbnews.com, for more photos.



Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven, near Welcome Street



Scoticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, near Baxter Avenue



Staffon Road, Fairhaven, off Alden near Roxann's



Staffon Road, Fairhaven, off Alden near Roxann's



Corner of Alden Road and Faith Avenue, Fairhaven



Corner of Alden Road and Faith Avenue, Fairhaven

Acushnet residents get into Christmas spirit with lights

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven isn't the only town with residents spreading the Christmas

spirit. Visit the streets on this page to see houses in Acushnet that are also making their homes bright. There are lots more, of course, but we just

wanted to point out a few to make sure you're motivated to get out there and look. Visit our website at www.neighbnews.com, for more photos.



Main Street, near Perry Hill Road, Acushnet



South Main Street at Roosevelt, Acushnet



Main Street, near Long Plain Museum



Main Street, near Long Plain Museum



Main Street, near Long Plain Museum



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Clasky Common Park, County & Pearl Streets, New Bedford



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Come ready to have fun! Sneakers and active clothes must be worn each day. Kids will be grouped according to their current grade in school. Grades: K-5 Time: Drop off 8Am, pick up by 3PM. Instructors: Staff

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Recreation Basketball Clinic

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Fairhaven Council on Aging

COVID Testing

Upcoming Covid Testing Dates
December 18, 10am-12pm at the Emergency Management Building, 150 Scoticut Neck Rd. Fairhaven.
December 22, 3-5pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center 229 Huttleston Ave.
December 29, 3-5pm at the Fairhaven Senior Center.

Holiday Closings

Fairhaven Senior Center will be closed Thursday, December 23, at 12:00 noon and Friday December 24 closed all day. Thursday, December 30 at 12:00 noon and Friday, December 31 all day.

Weather Cancellations

If we have any amount of snow accumulation, there will be no shopping that day and activities may be canceled. Call the Senior Center

508-979-4029 to confirm. So please stock up on non-perishable food items.

Computer Lessons

Kraig Perry from the Fairhaven Technology Department is holding computer lessons for Fairhaven and Acushnet Seniors, 60 years old and older.

The classes are given by skill level and include computer safety, internet browsers, the cloud, email/gmail, Google, word processing and smart-phones. Sign up for the classes must be done in person at the senior center to be sure you are signing up for the appropriate skill level being offered. An entire list of classes, dates and skill levels can be found in the Fairhaven COA newsletter or pick up a copy at the senior center.

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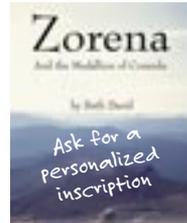
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A message from the Acushnet Fire Chief

From the Acushnet Fire & EMS
Department Facebook page
Monday, December 13, 2021

Earlier today, the Commonwealth announced that 2.1 million at home Covid 19 Rapid test kits will be made available to 102 communities.

We have made the argument that testing is an incredibly important tool at the community level.

In Europe many countries are making tests available to all residents. Testing at home for Covid works into many European households' morning routine. Teeth brushed, check. Hair looking good, check. Covid free, check. Great, now off to fill-in-blank (work, school, Market Basket, elderly parents house...).

Instead of spreading the 2.1 million tests over all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns, the formula used was based on income.

The 102 communities selected have the highest level of families living below the Federal Poverty Level. Policy makers have to start somewhere and tying the delivery of free, home based rapid tests based on income is a good start.

However, once again the state has closed its eyes to the impact of Covid on communities that abut those 102 targeted cities and towns. Once again, New Bedford will receive tens of thousands of free tests to distribute to its residents but not the smaller, physically connected suburbs, even

...doesn't it stand to reason that any effective strategy against the virus cannot simply look at communities as stand-alones, but instead as part of a contiguous region.

though some have weekly Covid monitoring data that exceeds the city's (Acushnet's percentage positivity rate reported last week is greater than New Bedford's).

Regrettably, this is not the first time. Acushnet started offering weekly testing because the state threw all its testing resources at the

city. Acushnet conducted its own local vaccine clinics because the state was focused on the city.

And now Acushnet (and Fairhaven, Dartmouth, Freetown) which are all considered high impact Covid areas by the Mayo Clinic, will not be receiving free at-home Covid test kits to distribute to its residents, so that they would know if they were Covid positive before going to fill-in-blank (school, job, restaurant, store...) in the targeted city of New Bedford.

It was announced that communities not eligible to participate in this program will be allowed to purchase these take-home tests from the same vendors for the state's agreed-to price (\$10 per two pack).

Let us know if we are wrong but doesn't it stand to reason that any effective strategy against the virus cannot simply look at communities as stand-alones, but instead as part of a contiguous region. Simply put, when a cancer is removed the surgeons want clean margins. The suburbs need to be considered the margins here or this disease will continue.

Kevin A. Gallagher, Acushnet Fire Chief



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Charter Commission issues year-end update

Press Release

On June 12th, 2020, Town Meeting convened to vote on a total of 60 articles, one of these items included action on Article 48, citizens petition calling for the creation of a nine-member Charter Committee. By 139-32 votes, your representatives at Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved this article.

This group's charge is reviewing all aspects of local government organization and structure, including, without limitation, regional relationships and the operation of all Town departments, boards, committees and commissions, elected and appointed, and make a report or recommendations to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, or such later town meeting as the Moderator may approve, with the goal of presenting a proposed charter at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, which special legislation would be forwarded to the General Court for review and approval, in accordance with the Home Rule Amendment, Section 8, and further to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$10,000.00 to pay for the expenses of such Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Members of the Fairhaven Charter Committee convened its first reorganization meeting on Thursday,

September 9th and have been meeting remotely over Zoom biweekly on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. due to the pandemic. Our meetings are also broadcasted on the local all access cable channel 9 and live on Facebook via Fairhaven TV.

Since our first meeting, we have

We want to encourage anyone interested in our committee to watch our meetings and get involved by joining or offering feedback or suggestions.

been researching and discussing as a group various town reports and charter related documents. Specifically, these documents consist of historical information on town and city charters across Massachusetts, the DOR Report from 2012, Bennett & Shaw report from the late 1980s, and recommendations from the Government Study Committee.

We also had guest speakers such as Michael Dutton, Town Manager for the Town of Bridgewater and Chair of the Massachusetts Municipal Association Form of Governance Committee speak with us about processes towns and cities created to adopt charters in their communities and the benefits associated with these documents.

In conclusion, we have determined the creation of a living and breathing town organizational chart is the first step to help us understand which of these recommendations from these reports have already been implemented and which need further discussions to make our municipality work in a more efficient and streamlined approach for you, the taxpayer.

We want to encourage anyone interested in our committee to watch our meetings and get involved by joining or offering feedback or suggestions.

More information, including our documents and contact information, are available on the town's website <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/charter-committee> or visit our Facebook page Fairhaven Forward to learn more.

Submitted,
Kyle Bueno, Chairman
Cathy Melanson, Vice Chairwoman

From our readers

Mass DPH Launches Quit Smoking Campaign

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is launching Take the First Step, a campaign that educates adults about free resources designed to help them quit smoking, vaping, or using other tobacco or nicotine products. The campaign offers information about 1-800-QUIT-NOW, Massachusetts' Quitline for tobacco/nicotine, and encourages residents to call for support or to connect online at mass.gov/quitting. The campaign has ads, videos, and resources available in English and Spanish.

Take the First Step launches in December 2021 for 14 weeks on a variety of digital channels and on social media; through billboards and print ads in select cities and towns across the Commonwealth, on Spanish television, and on radio.

A brochure about quitting, wallet cards with 1-800-QUIT-NOW information, and other materials are available free of charge at the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse.

Learn more about free resources to quit tobacco/nicotine and watch a video about 1-800-QUIT-NOW at mass.gov/quitting.

Taking the first step toward a nicotine-free life can begin by speaking with a FREE trained quit coach on the phone or online. No lectures. No judgments at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Please contact me, Colleen Kennedy-Mello, at the Southeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, 774-473-5531 or ckennedy@sevenhills.org for more information and to help promote this campaign and quit attempts in our region.

Colleen Kennedy-Mello, M.Ed., Program Manager, Southeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30pm

Remote

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, these public hearings will be conducted via remote means.

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Passcode: 691526

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The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following Public Hearings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. CON 023-260: **182 Ebony Street** Notice of Intent filed by Enrico and Linda Picozza for the demolition of the existing house and construction of a flood-zone compliant dwelling with associated site work at the property located at 182 Ebony Street, Assessors Map 43B, Lots 260, 262, 264, 266 & 268. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.
2. CON 023-261: **Fisherman's Road Right-of-Way** Notice of Intent filed by Vincent Furtado, Fairhaven BPW, for drainage work and paving an existing gravel road at Fisherman's Road between Balsam Street and Fir Street, Assessors Map 43A. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours

prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings>

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven
Conservation Commission
FNN: 12/16/21

Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearings

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Town Hall Banquet Room, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room

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1. Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard — 7 Union Street. REF#: ZBA-AA 01: Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. **Continued from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 2, 2020, December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021 November 2, 2021 and December 2, 2021.**
2. Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane — 86-88 Middle Street. REF#: ZBA-AA-02: Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the mixed-use zoning regulations. **Continued from December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021, November 2, 2021 & December 2, 2021.**
3. REF#: ZBA-2022-022: 184 Balsam Street. Applicant & Owner: Robert and Karen Sullivan. Applicant seeks a Variance to construct a dock greater than 75 feet in length due to shallowness of docking area pursuant

to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2(3)(a). **Continued from December 2, 2021.**

4. REF#: ZBA-022-023: 2 Elliot Lane, Map 12, Lots 196-198. Applicant & Owner Sandra Gifford. Applicant seeks a Special Permit under the Fairhaven Bylaw 198-16, to construct a two-floor addition, for the purpose of an in-law suite of approximately 1,400 square feet. **Continued from December 2, 2021.**
5. REF#: ZBA-2022-025: 2 Oxford Street. Applicant and Owner: 2 Oxford Street, LLC. Applicant seeks: (1) Special Permit, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2, for a proposed 70' fixed pier, 30' gangway and four (4) floats totaling 2500 sq. feet; (2) Variance from 198-32.2(C)3(b) to exceed the 150' maximum pier length to the proposed 215' length; (3) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 7 to exceed the 300 sq. ft. total area of any and all floats to the proposed four (4) floats with 1500 sq. ft. of area; (4) Variance from 198-32.2(C)8 for an increase from the maximum amount of boats not to exceed two (2) as the four (4) floats will accommodate several boats. **Continued from December 2, 2021.**
6. REF#: ZBA-2022-029: 227 Main Street, Map 16, Lots 74, 78 & 79. Applicant: Chris Thomas. Owner: Fairhaven Housing Authority. Applicant seeks Special Permit under the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-29(2), to allow parking reconstruction with eight additional parking spaces for residents and visitors.
7. REF#: ZBA-2022-030: 114 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 28A, Lot 192. Applicant and Owner: Ronald Oliveira. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 to allow for increase of area of a nonconforming use by 916 square feet and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
8. REF#: ZBA-2022-031: 10 Crescent Drive, Map 20D, Lot 108. Applicant and Owner: Sandra Pontbriand. Applicant seeks a Variance from the minimum side setback of 10 feet to the 5 feet proposed, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman, Fairhaven ZBA
FNN: 12/16/21

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Friday	17	0628	1849	----	1359
Saturday	18	0705	1928	0001	1425
Sunday	19	0744	2009	0032	1336
Monday	20	0825	2051	0110	1407
Tuesday	21	0906	2134	0153	1442
Wednesday	22	0948	2217	0238	1517*
Thursday	23	1031	2304	0320	1554*
Friday	24	1120	2356	0402	1634*
Saturday	25	----	1214	0451	1722*
Sunday	26	0050	1307	0552	1822*
Monday	27	0141	1400	0704	1923*
Tuesday	28	0234	1457	0810	2019*
Wednesday	29	0334	1602	0915	2117*
Thursday	30	0435	1703	1023*	2218*
Friday	31	0529	1754	1124*	2315*

*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft

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Upcoming Meetings

Fairhaven

Board of Appeals

Tues., 1/4, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Board of Health

Wed., 12/29, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Commissioner of Trusts

Thurs., 12/16, Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon., 1/3, Remote, 6:30

Contributory Retirement

Wed., 1/5, 2 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 12/13, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Economic Development

Thurs., 12/16, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Espindola Office Hour

Tues., 1/4, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Housing Authority

Thurs., 12/16, Oxford Terr., 2 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 1/12, Media Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Select Board

Mon. 12/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee

Tues., 12/14, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

Town Offices Closed

Town Hall Offices, BPW and Rec Center will be closed for the holidays on: Noon on 12/23 & 12/30; all day on Fri., Sat., 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, 1/1

Acushnet

Board of Assessors

Wed., 12/29, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Golf Committee

Thurs., 12/16, Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Thurs., 12/16, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Council

Tues., 12/14, Remote, 4 p.m.

Selectboard

Fri., 12/17, Town Hall, 11 a.m.
Tues., 12/28, Town Hall, 4 p.m.

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- 136 Pleasant Street
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- 92 Chestnut Street

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- 5 Fort Street
- 3 Walnut Street
- 41 Middle Street
- 116 Center Street
- 35 Cottage Street
- 1 Jordan Lane
- 3 Blackburn Street
- 14 Hacker Street
- 3 Newton Street
- 31 Manhattan Ave
- 2 Boston Road
- 5 Kacey Lane
- 15 Oliver Street
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