

New Bedford Libraries offer amnesty for overdue books

New Bedford libraries are collecting non-perishable food items for the PACE food bank until December 9th.

The yearly Food for Fees program is an initiative to help get long-overdue library material back to the library. The library faces a huge loss every year of items checked out and not returned due to patrons believing the late fine is more than the cost of the book. The fine will be waived when you bring in the item(s) along with a non-perishable food item(s).

Help the libraries re-stock their shelves with their books while helping the food bank at the same time. You can participate in the food drive even if you don't have any books to return. Help spread the word on this program by sharing this post with your friends.

State Police Make Arrest in Fatal Hit and Run

Yesterday at about 7:45 p.m., State Police detectives assigned to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office arrested a man believed to have left the scene of a hit-and-run fatal crash on Route 91 South at exit 9 in Springfield earlier today. MIGUEL GARCIA, 55, of Springfield was arrested at the State Police barracks in Springfield on the following charges:

1. Motor Vehicle Homicide by Negligent Operation
2. Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury or Death Crash

As a result of the investigation, it is believed that GARCIA was driving on Route 91 South in Springfield in a 2002 Mercury Sable at about 2:15 a.m. this morning when his vehicle entered a crash scene involving three vehicles and struck JEREMY RAMOS, 21, of Holyoke. RAMOS, who was not the operator of the Xterra as previously reported, had stopped at the crash scene to render assistance. He was transported to BMC where he was subsequently pronounced dead.

GARCIA was held on \$10,000.00 bail and transported to the Hampden County House of Correction in Ludlow pending his arraignment in Springfield District Court tomorrow.

See below initial release for further details.

Fairhaven plans Old-Time Holiday on Saturday, December 12

Saturday, December 12 is the time to visit Fairhaven if you want to feel a sense of old-time holiday spirit as the town celebrates its 18th annual Old-Time Holiday. Holiday marketplaces and crafts fairs, luncheons and an old fashioned community sing-along are among the ways to enjoy the season of good cheer. For children, there are cookie decorating, craft making and face painting opportunities, and some chances for photographs with Santa or Father Christmas.

A full day of events from morning into early evening are scheduled in the historical town center.

Friends of the Millicent Library will be celebrating the new chairs and tables they provided for the library auditorium while offering children the chance to make some holiday crafts. Visitors should use the handicap accessible auditorium entrance on Walnut Street to stop by between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The dedication of the chairs will take place at 9:00 a.m. Childrens crafting and light refreshments will follow. Free.

Step back in time at Holiday Marketplace which will take place at the beautiful, gothic Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street. Local artists and crafters will set up display booths offering a unique collection of holiday goods. Baked goods and holiday greens will also be available. Saint Nicholas will be on hand, too, to greet visitors. Admission to the marketplace is free. It runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., during which time the sanctuary of this magnificent English gothic style "cathedral" will be open for guided tours.

The Unitarian Church will also hold a soup and sandwich luncheon at its Harrop Center building on Center Street from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hot soup, chowder and a variety of sandwiches will be available.

The English Tudor style Our Lady's Haven, 75 Center Street, built originally as the Tabitha Inn by Henry H. Rogers in 1905, will open its lobby to visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There they will be treated to Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to meet children and pose for photos. Sponsored by the Diocesan Health Facilities Organization. The lobby is handicap accessible via Laurel St. side entrance.

The Town Hall Shops at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, will be the location where local non-profit, civic, school and church groups will sell crafts, holiday ornaments, baked goods and other items as well as hold raffles and silent auctions. The Town Hall will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Twenty-

seven groups selling goods include the East Fairhaven Improvement Association, St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven Association for Music Education (F.A.M.E.), the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, The Church of the Good Shepherd, George H. Taber Masonic Lodge, Fairhaven Village Militia, the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Scout Troop & Cub Pack 52, the Fairhaven Mothers Club, The FHS World Language Club, Angels of Fairhaven, Shining Tides Quilters, some Fairhaven High School classes, and others. For the children there will be cookie decorating, craft making, and face painting. Fairhaven music students from the public schools will be presenting musical performances during the day. F.A.M.E. and the Boy Scouts will offer food and refreshment outside on the Town Hall steps. Admission is free. The Town Hall Shops event is sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. The Town Hall auditorium is handicap accessible.

More activity will be taking place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, where The Old Brick Church Faire will be held. Crafters will be selling their wares. Vermont cheddar cheese, baked goods, gourmet foods and other items will be sold. There will also be a raffle. "Heavenly Treasures," the church's thrift shop, will be open throughout the day. A lobster roll luncheon will be served as well, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until sold out. Chowder and hotdogs will also be available. The whole building is handicap accessible.

If you're in a crafty mood, children and adults can make holiday ornaments at a cost of \$2 to \$5 each at Art on Center, 15 Center Street, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. There will be plenty of materials to work with. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. There will also be members' art on sale in the gallery during the day. Art on Center is handicap accessible.

To cap off the evening, the Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold its annual sing-along on the Town Hall steps starting at 7:00 p.m. In a tradition dating back to 1975,

luminaria will light the street while community members sing carols until a visitor from the North Pole arrives on a fire truck. There will be refreshments in the Town Hall afterwards. Free.

The Old-Time Holiday in Fairhaven is sponsored by the participating non-profit, civic and church groups in town, with promotion coordinated by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, which first developed the cooperative event in 1998.

All of December's events in Fairhaven are shown online at <http://FairhavenTours.com> A handout sheet is also available at the Visitors Center at the Academy Building, 141 Main Street, Fairhaven, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Office of Tourism telephone number is 508-979-4085, email is FairhavenTours@aol.com. The Visitors Center will not be open on Saturday, December 12 during the Old-Time Holiday.

Sobriety Checkpoint Scheduled for Saturday November 28 into Sunday November 29

Colonel Richard D. McKeon, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, announced that a "Sobriety Checkpoint" will be implemented by the Massachusetts State Police on a Public Way in Suffolk county. The purpose is to further educate the motoring public and strengthen the public's awareness to the need of detecting and removing those motorists who operate under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs from our roadways. It will be operated during varied hours, the selection of vehicles will not be arbitrary, safety will be assured, and

any inconveniences to motorists will be minimized with advance notice to reduce fear and anxiety.

No further information is available at this time. Please do not call the barracks directly.

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Investigators to get Award for Year Long Insurance Fraud Investigation

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) has awarded this year's "Insurance Investigator of the Year" designation to Det. Lt. John Cummings and Trooper Corey Mackey, both Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Northwestern District Attorney's Office; and First Assistant District Attorney Steven E. Gagne, along with two New York City Police detectives and investigators with the Insurance Fraud Bureau of Massachusetts.

The award will be presented by Anthony M. DiPaolo, Chief of Investigations for IFB of Massachusetts at the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, at 1 Gleason Plaza in Northampton on Monday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m.

This award was created in 2014 by the IAATI, to recognize an individual or group for an "outstanding contribution in the area of vehicle theft investigation or insurance fraud investigation."

Cummings and Mackey were the lead investigators from the

Massachusetts State Police who, between 2013-2014, investigated and ultimately helped dismantle an insurance fraud scheme believed to be the biggest car insurance fraud operation in Western Massachusetts history. In August 2014, Taiwan native Le Fen “Helen” Chen pleaded guilty to more than 100 insurance fraud charges. Chen accompanied car owners from New York to insurance agencies in Western Massachusetts, where she vouched for the insurance applications they filed with false addresses in Northampton, Greenfield and Easthampton. More than 40 others were also charged in the scheme.

In nominating the investigators for the award, DiPaolo characterized the investigation as “a benchmark insurance fraud investigation.”

The investigation was the result of a referral made by the Plymouth Rock Assurance Company to the Insurance Fraud Bureau of Massachusetts (IFB) involving a car accident in New York, which was discovered to involve an operator who lived in New York but had illegally registered and insured the vehicle in Massachusetts. After initial investigation, the IFB was joined by the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office, who in turn solicited the assistance of the Massachusetts State Police, Department of Homeland Security and the New York City Police Department.

“As the result of this multi-agency collaboration, a total of 48 individuals were charged with over 300 counts of insurance fraud, perjury and conspiracy. This investigation involved many different agencies and went beyond state lines, setting a new benchmark. This success is a direct result of the professionalism and dedication of the individuals involved,” DiPaolo said.

Girl Scout Troop 75181 presents The Warm Hearts Project

Did you know, that in 2015, New Bedford will have its highest number of homeless within the city?

That more than 700 adults and children experience homelessness every year within the city of New Bedford? That on any given night an estimated 50 people are without any kind of shelter whatsoever? Girl Scout Troop 75181 wants to help, and here is how you can help us:

Drop OFF on these dates only:

December 12

9:00-11:00 am Station 8 Fire station 1599 Acushnet Ave NB

10:00am -12:00pm BayCoast Bank 95 William St NB & 1000 Ashley Blvd

1:00-3:00pm Alma del Mar Charter School 26 Madeira Ave NB

2:00-4:00pm Cheryl McCormack Academy of Dance 731 Tarkiln Hill Rd NB

December 13

11:00am -1:00pm Carney Academy 247 Elm St NB

12:00-2:00 pm Cheryl McCormack Academy of Dance 731 Tarkiln Hill Rd NB

12:00-2:00 pm BayCoast Bank 95 William St & 1000 Ashely Blvd

NB

1:00-3:00pm Alma del Mar Charter School 26 Madeira Ave NB

Donate: hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries (deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, combs, feminine hygiene products) at one of our drop off drives above. If you can't make those, feel free to email gsemtroop75181@outlook.com and arrange a pick up.

Once we have all the items, we will be donating to the local shelters and local low income schools. We will be doing a scarf project tying scarves to trees and lampposts in high need areas for anyone in need to take. We are creating a Girl Scouts "Helping House" similar to the little library that we will stock full of toiletries and hope that the community can sustain it with occasional contributions.

Faces Of New Bedford – #25: Samantha Johnson

Meet Samantha Johnson, a 26 year-old singer.



Samantha moved to New Bedford at the age of 12 from Dennis because her father took on new responsibilities at work, but she secretly thinks he did it because he wanted his family to be more cultured.

As a full time singer, Samantha has been able to travel around the globe. Before her run on America's Got Talent this past summer, she worked on the Michael Jackson Tribute show for four years as the lead female vocalist.

Samantha owes a lot of her drive and determination to the music program she was heavily involved with at New Bedford High School. Under the leadership of Ms. Brasil, she learned how to set goals, create plans to accomplish them and, most importantly, strive towards those goals until they are completed.

With her recent shot to fame, she is constantly being pulled in all directions, one in particular, is to move away. She just couldn't imagine doing that though. Her siblings go to school here, her friends are here, and most importantly her home is here. Out of the places she's visited New Bedford is different, you can find anything you want here, culture, passion, art. She also enjoys how real people are here, they have real lives with real struggles, and it's hard to find

that anywhere else.

"I want people to visit New Bedford like we visit New York, or LA. We have everything we need to make New Bedford a destination, we just have to realize the potential and run with it."

Faces of New Bedford is a project by Colton Simmons. If you are interested in booking a shoot or getting prints from the series email all inquiries to colton@coltonsimmons.com

Follow Colton on Instagram:
<https://instagram.com/simmonscolton>

16 Things to do this Weekend (Nov 20 – Nov 22)



This weekend's weather will be quite erratic. "Yo-yo" comes to mind. We'll start out with a warm Friday that will reach 60 degrees, but overnights all weekend will hover just above freezing. In terms of precipitation, we'll start out Friday with some rain, the sun will poke its head out on Saturday and then we'll return to rain on Sunday with "A morning shower or

two.” Who cares? We aren’t afraid of any rain! Let’s head out and enjoy some of the many goings-on across the South Coast!

As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high traffic, weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details. Have an event to add? Check out our **tutorial**. For more info, you can click on each title. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

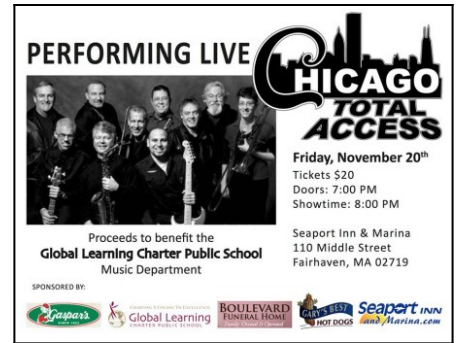
Friday, November 20th

Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series (7:00pm)

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will be showing “The Lonely Dorymen”. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month in the Corson Maritime Learning Center. (508) 996-4095. www.nps.gov. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford.

Chicago performs LIVE (Fairhaven) (7:00pm)

Fan of the band Chicago? They will be playing your favorite hits at the Seaport Inn & Marina. Tickets are \$20 and the proceeds will benefit the Global Learning Charter Public School’s music department. 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven.



Chicago live on Friday evening!

Paulus, Rachmaninoff, & Beethoven at the "Z" (7:30pm)

Join the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra for this blockbuster concert highlighted by photographer John Robson's "Sea Portraits" video presentation. Stephen Paulus: Sea Portraits, Sergei Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, & Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A Major. The NBSO is a superb professional orchestra that performs with internationally renowned guest artists, annually presenting a 7-concert series of classical and pops music and a 4-concert chamber music series, as well as providing nationally recognized educational programs for the children of South Coast. For \$10 tickets for children and students under age 22, please call or visit The Z box office, 508-994-2900. For discounted season tickets, please call the NBSO office at 508-999-6276.

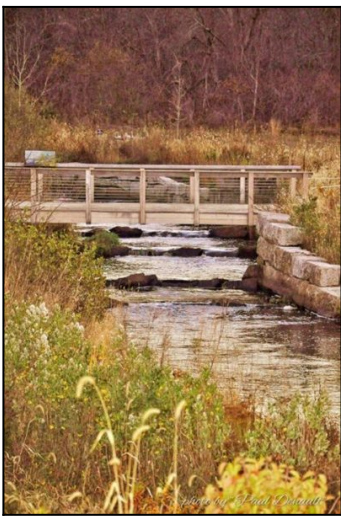
Dracula (8:00pm)

Lucy Seward, whose father is the doctor in charge of an English sanatorium, has been attacked by some mysterious illness. Dr. Van Helsing, a specialist, believes that the girl is the victim of a vampire, a sort of ghost that goes about at night sucking blood from its victims. The vampire is at last found to be a certain Count Dracula, whose ghost is at last laid to rest in a striking and novel manner. Your Theatre, Inc, 136 Rivet Street, New Bedford.

Saturday, November 21st

Letters for the Troops! (Dartmouth) (ALL DAY)

Community wide event! Dr. John Fraone's office, a pediatric dental office in Dartmouth is collecting letters, cards, and colored pictures to bring some well wishes and holiday cheer to our troops!! All letters can be mailed into our office by Dec 4th 2015! Please please let our troops know how much they mean to us this holiday season! Dr John Fraone, 92 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth.



*Acushnet Sawmill
photo by Paul
Denault.*

Saturdays at The Sawmill (Acushnet) (9:00am-12:00pm)

Come visit the Buzzards Bay Coalition's restored Acushnet Sawmill on Saturday mornings in November and December. The Hawes Family Learning Center will be open from 9am-12pm. At 10am, join us for one of these hands-on family activities: Nov. 21: Trash Pick Up and Recycled Material Craft. 32 Mill Road, Acushnet.

Mother's Club Cranberry Craft Fair (Middleborough) (9:30am-3:00pm)

Please stop by for the Annual Mother's Club Cranberry Craft Fair. Held at Middleboro High School Gymnasium, 71 E. Grove

Street, Middleboro, MA. Doors open at 9:30 AM. \$1 admission. Over 60 Crafters all in one location. Get a head start on your Holiday Shopping! Lots of unique items! Middleboro High School, 71 East Grove Street, Middleborough.

Meat, seafood and more raffle (5:00pm)

Meat, seafood and more raffle with raffle at 7 p.m. Serving chicken pie dinner with soup and beverage, \$7. (508) 992-3184. Holy Name of the Sacred Heart Center, 121 Mount Pleasant Street, New Bedford.

Hayrides (Westport) (12:00pm-4:30pm)

It's a great way to let the entire family see the vineyard. Westport Rivers Vineyard Hayrides every Saturday through Nov. 21. Weather-permitting. \$5 per person, children under 2 are free. Ride times are approx. 20-30 minutes. Westport Rivers Vineyard, 417 Hixbridge Rd., Westport.

Bookmaking Workshop for elementary school teachers-grades 1-3 (2:00pm-4:30pm)

Join Teaching Artist Diana Arvanites for an introduction to bookmaking and explore ideas on how to integrate this art form into your curriculum. This studio time will explore three simple books that will help you spark creativity and facilitate learning. In this session you will make a single sheet fold (Mazes), a pamphlet, and a circle book. All materials, snacks and beverages provided. Please RSVP by November 18 @ d.arvanites@cox.net. Hatch Street Studios, 88 Hatch Street, Suite 402, New Bedford.

13th annual Short Plays Marathon at the Whaling Museum (2:00pm-10:30pm)

Presented by Culture Park at the Whaling Museum Theatre. Tickets \$20 for full day/evening, \$13 for afternoon or evening only. Seniors and students \$15 full day, \$10 half day. 774-202-0588. culturepark@earthlink.net. New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford,



"A gifted melodist, Hitchcock nests engaging lyrics in some of the most bracing, rainbow-hued pop this side of Revolver. He wrests inspiration not from ordinary life but from extraordinary imaginings..." – Rolling Stone

Robyn Hitchcock at the Narrows Center (8:00pm)

Robyn Hitchcock is one of England's most enduring contemporary singer/songwriters and live performers. A surrealist poet, talented guitarist, cult artist and musician's musician, Hitchcock is among alternative rock's father figures and is the closest thing the genre has to a Bob Dylan (not coincidentally his biggest musical inspiration). Since founding the art-rock band The Soft Boys in 1976, Robyn has recorded more than 20 albums as well as starred in 'Storefront Hitchcock' an in concert film recorded in New York and directed by Jonathan Demme.

Blending folk and psychedelia with a wry British nihilism, Robyn describes his songs as 'paintings you can listen to'. His most recent album THE MAN UPSTAIRS is a bittersweet love letter to a vanishing world. Produced by legendary folk-rock svengali Joe Boyd (Pink Floyd, Nick Drake) the album was

critically acclaimed by MOJO, UNCUT and THE QUIETUS. Narrows Center for the Arts, 16 Anawan Street, Fall River.

Dracula (8:00pm)

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11th Annual Christmas Bazaar (Fall River) (11:00am-4:00pm)

Pet Photos with Santa, Chinese and Silent Auction, Rabies(\$12) and Micro-chipping(\$20) Clinic by Mass Mobile Vet, Bake Sale. Elks Lodge #118, 4500 North Main Street, Fall River.

Dracula (2:30pm)

Lucy Seward, whose father is the doctor in charge of an English sanatorium, has been attacked by some mysterious illness. Dr. Van Helsing, a specialist, believes that the girl is the victim of a vampire, a sort of ghost that goes about at night sucking blood from its victims. The vampire is at last found to be a certain Count Dracula, whose ghost is at last

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New Bedford Repeat Gun and Drug Offender Sentenced to State Prison

District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn announced today that a repeat offender from New Bedford who was arrested in late 2013 with a loaded firearm while distributing heroin will serve 54 to 72 months in state prison.

Manuel J. Vasquez, 40, pleaded guilty in Fall River Superior Court Monday to possessing an illegal firearm-repeat offense, unlawful possession of ammunition-repeat offense and possession with intent to distribute heroin. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Cahillane, and the prison sentence was handed down by Judge Gary Nickerson.

The defendant was the target of a search warrant executed by members of the New Bedford Police Department on December 23 at the defendant's Coggeshall Street apartment. Inside the apartment, detectives seized 14 grams of heroin, a loaded .22 caliber pistol, a starter pistol and various items used in the narcotics distribution trade.

Holiday Event Guide for Fairhaven

Lighting of Benoit Square

Friday, December 4, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Benoit Square, Main & Adams Streets

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association will light the decorated square and welcome Santa Claus to North Fairhaven. Free.

Christmas Concert

Friday, December 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main Street

Any group, solo singers, or musicians who would like to participate, please call Kathy at 508-245-2792. Everyone is welcome. Donations accepted.

Second Annual Holiday Fine Craft Fair

Saturday, December 5, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Art on Center, 15 Center Street

Fine crafts including: Jewelry, hand woven baskets, stained glass, textiles and more will be offered for sale. There will also be an awesome holiday raffle, and gift wrapping will be available. Art on Center is fully handicapped accessible with ample off street parking. Regular hours are Wednesday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 774-206-1709, email info@artoncenter.org, or visit www.artoncenter.org

Historical House Tour

Sunday, December 6, 2015, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Starts at Fairhaven Academy Building, 141 Main Street

The Fairhaven Historical Society presents a tour of six

historical houses and four other buildings of interest. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at the Millicent Library or the Euro/Phoenix store. On the day of the tour, tickets are \$25 and available at the Academy Building where the tour brochure will be handed out.

DECEMBER 12, OLD-TIME HOLIDAY EVENTS:

Millicent Library Chairs and Crafts

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm.

Millicent Library, 45 Center St. (Walnut St. entrance)

Friends of the Millicent Library will celebrate the library auditorium's new chairs and tables, with a grand opening at 9:00 a.m. followed by children's crafting projects and light refreshments through the day. Use the handicap accessible Walnut Street entrance to the auditorium. Sponsored by Friends of the Millicent Library. For more information, email friendsmillicentlibrary@gmail.com.

Fairhaven Town Hall Shops

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Town Hall, 40 Center St.

Non-profit and church groups have booths to sell holiday related items, baked goods, holiday greens, and more. There are raffles and silent auctions, face painting and craft making for the children. Some of the organizations with tables are: VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairhaven Improvement Association, Fairhaven Lions Club, Shining Tides Quilters, and others. Entertainment provided by Fairhaven music students. There will also be a drop boxes for new, unwrapped toys to be given to the area's needy children and for the United Way food drive. Free. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@aol.com.

The Brick Church Fair & Luncheon

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street

The church will be alive with activity. Craft Vendors, Baked Goods, Cookies, Home Cooking, Vermont Cheddar Cheese, Chance Auction, Silent Auction, Coffee Shop and much more. The "Heavenly Treasures," second-hand shop will be open all day. Lobster roll luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. until sold out. Chowder and hotdogs will also be available. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 508-993-3368 or email firstcongfairhaven@gmail.com.

Cookies & Hot Chocolate at Our Lady's Haven

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Santa & Mrs. Claus visit 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St.

Our Lady's Haven, built originally as the Tabitha Inn by Henry H. Rogers in 1905, will open its lobby to visitors, who will be treated to Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to meet children and pose for photos. Sponsored by the Diocesan Health Facilities Organization. Handicap accessible (via Laurel St. side entrance). For more information, call 508-999-4561 or email lisag@dhfo.org.

Unitarian Church Holiday Marketplace & Sanctuary Tours

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Unitarian Memorial Church parish house, 102 Green St.

The Unitarian Church parish house will be the site stress-free shopping with a variety of fine crafters' booths, baked goods and holiday greens. Festive holiday music, a visit from St. Nicholas and a Christmas tree decorated with love will spread holiday cheer throughout the halls. Tours of the sanctuary will be given. Free Admission. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 508-992-7081 or email officeuufhvn@aol.com.

Holiday Ornament Crafting

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Art on Center, 15 Center St.

Celebrate the season with family and friends during Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday Weekend. Art on Center will be

hosting an ornament crafting event at a cost of \$2 to \$5 per ornament. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Art on Center is fully handicapped accessible with ample off street parking. For more information, call 774-206-1709, email info@artoncenter.org, or visit www.artoncenter.org.

Holiday Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Harrop Center of Unitarian Memorial Church, 47 Center St.

A luncheon of hot soup or chowder and sandwiches will be served at the Harrop Center next door to the Unitarian Memorial Church. Prices vary depending on items ordered.

Lobster Roll Luncheon

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 11:00 a.m. until sold out.

First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center St.

Lobster roll luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until sold out. Hotdogs and chowder are also available. Handicap accessible.

Town Hall Sing-Along

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven

A community tradition! Sing carols on the steps of the Town Hall while waiting for the arrival of a jolly visitor from the North Pole. Then enjoy some hot chocolate. Sponsored by the Fairhaven Improvement Association. Free.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 13, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St.

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven presents a service of lessons and carols, with seasonal readings and music performed by Music Director Dwight Thomas and the choir of the Unitarian Memorial Church. All are welcome. Free. (Donations accepted.) Handicap accessible. For more info: 508-992-7081.

JANUARY

Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge

Thursday, January 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

Fort Phoenix State Beach and Reservation

South end of Green St., Fairhaven, MA

Come start off the new year with a dash into the ocean! Challenge your family and friends to come out and plunge in remembrance of the victims of domestic violence. A donation of \$25 buys a long sleeve T-shirt. Shirts will be available on a first come, first served basis. You can choose whether or not you jump in. Registration and t-shirts can be purchased at the Plunge from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Checks can be made payable to: Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars. Please note on check: Ft. Phoenix Polar Plunge.