

Sharing the Love: Mass Care Link Helps Fuel Families with Feeding America Partnership

Fall River Home Care Service Provider Pledges Continued Donations for Every Member Served

Moving forward Mass Care Link will be doing even more to help families in Fall River and beyond. The Bay state-based adult foster home care service provider already helps Massachusetts residents receive the money and support they need to care for loved ones at home. Now with each additional member enrolled, Mass Care Link will donate the equivalent of 100 meals to nationwide hunger-relief organization Feeding America.

With ten years providing payment and support for adult foster care recipients and their caregivers, **Mass Care Link** was looking for a way to expand on their mission. “By supporting residents looking to care for their loved ones at home, Mass Care Link has always worked to keep families together,” explains Mass Care Link Chief Executive Officer, Tara Araujo. “We are partnering with Feeding America to make sure our neighbors can stay safe and healthy at home thanks to their nationwide network of foodbanks and meal delivery services.”

Mass Care Link has donated the equivalent of 1,000 meals to Feeding America so far. Their goal for the year is 10,000 meals total. As they continue to expand their mission of helping families, Mass Care Link remains dedicated to supporting home-care providers looking after their loved ones with resources, nursing services, and access to financial assistance.

“We come from the communities we care for and we have all seen the impact that food insecurity can have on the health of fellow Massachusetts residents,” continues Araujo. “We look

forward to helping Feed America with the fight against hunger.”

About Feeding America

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States and supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security; brings attention to the social and systemic barriers that contribute to food insecurity in our nation; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry. Visit www.feedingamerica.org.

About Mass Care Link

Founded in 2013, Mass Care Link helps support MassHealth recipients who want to care for their elderly or disabled loved ones at home through nursing services, training, and access to financial compensation. Headquartered in Fall River, MA but serving the whole state of Massachusetts, Mass Care Link’s network of nurses and care managers help members, and their caregivers stay healthy at home. **Find out more at <https://masscarelink.org/>.**



Fall River's "Munchies" breakfast and lunch:

Friendly, fast service and delivery options available

By Bailey Bisson

Who doesn't love a good "home-cooked" meal at a reasonable price? With quite the homey atmosphere, this cute little diner is sure to fill your belly, and it may also fill your heart.

Before Munchies began serving the local community, there was 'Dunk N Munch,' now a beloved family-owned franchise in business since 1997. The very first location thrived, which was where 'Munchies' proudly stands today.

Located at 4263 North Main Street in Fall River is the beloved Munchies diner, open from 6am-2pm to serve guests breakfast and lunch. What many Fall River residents may not know is that, in addition to serving breakfast and lunch, for those customers who wish to order take-out/delivery 'Munchies' also prepares dinner until about 7:30pm.

All orders after 2pm must be placed online. Delivery options include DoorDash, GrubHub, and a lesser-known delivery service called 'Toast.'

The owners at Munchies strive to make everyone's dining experience a comfortable one and are eager to acquaint themselves with guests, not just to collect tips, but to ensure the happiness of paying customers and the overall satisfaction of their visits.

It's easy to love Munchies, and even easier to place an order online.

Munchies

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Mayflower Wind Changes Name to SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC

New name reflects importance of the SouthCoast – a pivotal region in the transformation to a clean energy future

SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC, a joint venture of Shell New Energies US LLC and Ocean Winds North America, is the new name for Mayflower Wind. This change better reflects the company's commitment to the people, businesses and communities of the SouthCoast, all of whom will benefit from the growing offshore wind industry.

"We are proud to call the SouthCoast home and recognize the importance this area has to the success of our project," said Francis Slingsby, CEO, SouthCoast Wind. "SouthCoast Wind remains steadfast in its commitment to being an integral community partner and investing in economic development, education and training."

From Rhode Island's Sakonnet River to Buzzard's Bay and beyond, SouthCoast Wind will provide jobs and opportunity for all who wish to participate—while providing support to low-income communities throughout the SouthCoast region.

"The SouthCoast region is serving as a strong anchor for the offshore wind industry and today's announcement serves to recognize SouthCoast Wind's growing presence, along with their many partnerships and investments in our communities throughout our region," said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, D-Westport, 1st Bristol & Plymouth District. "Moving forward, I remain committed to continuing to work collaboratively with SouthCoast Wind, our communities, public higher education institutions, local businesses, and residents to further deepen our region's thriving partnership with the growing offshore wind industry, ensuring we create and support

opportunities that impact our SouthCoast region for many years to come.”

The company has grown significantly since its inception in 2019, leveraging its parent companies’ extensive experience in developing offshore wind projects across the globe. The joint venture is comprised of a diverse workforce of more than 80 employees dedicated to delivering a robust portfolio of offshore wind energy to New England. Click [HERE](#) to learn more!

SouthCoast Wind’s full offshore wind lease area has a capacity of 2,400 megawatts – enough electricity to power more than 1 million homes and businesses. The first 1,200 MW will connect to the electric grid at Brayton Point in Somerset, MA, the former home of the region’s largest coal plant. SouthCoast Wind also plans to connect to the regional electric grid at a second location in Falmouth, MA.

About SouthCoast Wind

SouthCoast Wind, a 50/50 joint venture between Shell New Energies US LLC and Ocean Winds North America, is developing an offshore wind lease area with the potential to supply 2,400 megawatts of low-cost clean energy to electricity customers in New England. SouthCoast Wind is committed to zero harm, innovation, and industry development, and investing in our local communities. **For more information visit www.southcoastwind.com.**

Long-awaited opening of New

Bedford's Starbucks finally happens!

In December of 2021, we shared the news that Starbucks would be opening a cafe in New Bedford. Well, after many delays, and the possibility of Starbucks reneging on its decision to use the New Bedford site, it has finally happened! They are open for business.

The location is 157 Coggeshall Street, right next to Petro-Mart and Touchless Car Wash, and where Subway once stood. Yes, there is a drive-thru, mobile ordering, and an outdoor patio.

The New Bedford location is more similar to the Fall River location as opposed to the Dartmouth cafe. While the hours have yet to be announced, it is likely they will use the standard hours they use at most locations: Monday-Friday from 5:30am-8:00pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 6:00am-8:00pm.

Of course, like anything new that opens in the South Coast, you can expect the cafe to be positively mobbed for a month or two which means long waits, grumpy customers, and some few Karens and Darrens causing delays. Please be easy on the baristas and exercise some patience!



Matthew Velez photo.



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Lifestream Inc. Awards \$2000 Scholarship to Fairhaven Graduate

Kylie Ellis of Achesnet, Massachusetts, was selected as the 2022 recipient of the \$2,000 Sandra M. Cabral Nursing Scholarship.

A graduate of Fairhaven High School, Ms. Ellis is currently studying nursing at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. For the past five years, she has held various positions at YMCA Southcoast, most currently as a Unit Leader working with children, including those with physical and developmental disabilities.

"Among all our applicants, Kylie stood out for her commitment to working with children and her academic record," said LifeStream President/CEO Bonnie Mello. "We are so pleased to assist Kylie in her journey to become a nurse and congratulate her on her accomplishments."

The scholarship, established in 2000, honors the noteworthy contributions to the field of nursing made by former LifeStream employee Sandra M. Cabral, who was a registered nurse and nursing coordinator. Eligible applicants must be pursuing a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse degree at an accredited facility and be able to demonstrate a firm commitment to assisting people with disabilities in community-based settings currently or upon graduation.

Congratulations, Kylie!

Learn more about Lifestream by visiting their website:
<https://www.lifestreaminc.com/>

Mirasol's Cafe inches closer to opening third location in Fairhaven

Last June we shared with you the story that the popular Mirasol's Cafe would be opening a third location in Fairhaven.

It hasn't been a full year since the coffee shop opened their second location at the Wharfinger Building at 52 Fisherman's Wharf located on Pier 3, downtown New Bedford.

The New Bedford location utilizes a sort of "grab-and-go" model. The "walk-through" window comprises 25% of their revenue alone and since the New Bedford location is less than 1/3 of the size of the Dartmouth location, indoor seating simply wasn't an option. However, being so close to Rt. 18 means you can be in and out, hit the road for your work commute, or decide to grab your Chippi and stroll around downtown.

Luis Raposo, one of Mirasol's managing partners, said that the cafe will soon open a third location in the old Benny's building bringing their famous Chippi, delicious lattes, batidos, and of course, Latin-themed sandwiches. The artist's rendition of the planned site shows it is a larger building than the New Bedford location and more along the size of the Dartmouth location. That means a return to the "old" Dartmouth version which had plenty of rooms for tables inside and on the patio.

There is hope for a drive-thru, something Mirasol's owners and customers alike would benefit, however that happening depends entirely on the town's approval.



Mirasol's Cafe photo.



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Farmers' Markets in Massachusetts and R.I. that will remain open this winter

There is nothing more fresh than locally grown foods. Local Farmer of Stoney Creek, Erin Babbitt, has been organizing her market located in Swansea, MA at 1210 Wilbur Avenue for eight years and counting.

"I raise beef cows right at the farm, and I am one of the vendors selling beef at my own market," said Babbitt.



Cow at Stoney Creek. Bailey Bisson photo.

During the spring and summer months, there is a surplus of produce, including berries, tomatoes, corn, and lettuce.

Babbitt told the reporter that there are no fruits being produced during the winter. However, there are potatoes, squash and kale for sale. Hours of operation this winter are the third Saturday of each month, from December through April, at 10am-2pm.



Big tent at Stoney Creek. Bailey Bisson photo.

"We are a locally sourced market, so everything that we sell at our farm is maker only. We don't do outside sales of any kind. We have a honey lady, a spice lady and a mushroom man," said Babbitt.

Stoney Creek participates in the Healthy Incentives Program, (HIP) for produce sales only. This market also supports the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, (SNAP) which covers produce and honey sales.

Babbitt will be hosting a holiday event this month! On Dec. 17, there will be a hayride with Santa from 10am-2pm. A campfire will be lit for s'mores to be roasted. Hot chocolate is complimentary. Children are welcome for pony rides and the

hayride, as well as a photo with Santa, all for just \$10.00 per child.

Anyone can visit the farm any day and walk around to greet the cows, goats, rabbits and many other animal friends.



Horse at at Stoney Creek. Bailey Bisson photo.

Babbitt also has a horse boarding business at the farm. "People keep their horses with me. I have 18 horses on the farm. We do birthday parties here."

Stoney Creek offers pony rides during regular market hours, for just \$3.00.

Another local farmers market is Mount Hope Farm in Bristol, RI.



Bailey Bisson photo.

“Mount Hope Farm itself has a rich history in the town of Bristol dating back to the Pokanokets. The Farmers Market at the farm was established around 10 years ago,” said Katie Blais, community programs and events manager.

This farm is home to donkeys, goats, and chickens.

According to Blais, Mount Hope has a variety of foods for sale during the winter months, including apples, microgreens, baked goods, meat, eggs, seafood, cheese, maple syrup, coffee, and candles. They even sell shoes!

The Mount Hope Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9am-12:30pm, and the walking trails are open 8am-6pm daily, excluding holidays. However, there are no pets allowed.



View at Mount Hope. Bailey Bisson photo.

Southcoast Neediest Families Prize-a-Palooza Returns on Sunday Dec. 4th in New

Bedford

The Southcoast Neediest Families Prize-a-Palooza will be held on Sunday, December 4th. 12p-8p at Whaler Inn and Suites 500 Hathaway Road New Bedford. **Stop by for an all day, family friendly, free admission, prize raffle event.** All food and prizes are donated by local (and some national) companies. There will be over 250 prizes to raffle off throughout the day every hour, as well as the **“Big Prize raffle”** that goes on all day. Some of the “Big Prizes” include a week long Maine House Rental, A book of scratch tickets valued at \$500 , an Ipad with a keyboard case and wireless mouse, a Meta-Quest Virtual Reality headset, A Michael Kors Handbag, a Nintendo Switch video game system, Red Sox tickets, Celtics tickets, An overnight stay at Bayside Resort, a suit from Professional Image, Avalon Spa treatments, unique liquor items such as a 19 Crimes Snoop Dog cooler and wine, a Tito’s ugly sweater set and much more.

Some of the Big Prize raffle items will be available to purchase on-line by clicking the attached link:
https://neartail.com/public/115575994388615696979/all/form/1FAIpQLScnGELNR1x3NVbpgrBk3zNH4rW_DQNn-cZKCh0JTfo9HhopbQ

You can also scan the QR Code:



You do not need to be present to win but you will need to be available to pick up if you do win. Follow the event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/747097016605053> to stay updated!

You can also win lots of other raffle prizes including: restaurant gift cards such as Servedwell (Joe’s original, Black Whale and Cisco) cards, Lorenzo’s, Bocca, Cask and Pig, Brewfish, Dillon’s Restaurant, Lolly’s Café, Spa Larimar gift card, liquor baskets, kids baskets, handmade items, lots and lots of gift baskets, gas cards, lottery tickets and so much

more...

DJ Joe Lima will be back for the 8th year and volunteering his time, there will be a visit from Santa sometime between 1p and 4p and the kids can enjoy have face painting and crafts (and big kids too!). Spin the prize wheel that goes all day until the prizes run out; that's always a big hit!



We will have food throughout the day available for our guests. Food is donated by Joe's Original, Pa Raffa's, McDonalds (Kings Hwy, Hathaway Road and Faunce Corner Road), GNB Voke, Dominos Pizza, MyPlace Restaurant, Palace Pizza, Little Phoenix, Ryan's Pub, and the Salvation Army.

All money raised goes to support children and families in need for the holidays through the Salvation Army. This year they have a goal of \$35,000 but they would love to hit \$40,000! The Salvation Army helps out over 2000 families in need for Christmas. The money raised would help provide food, toys and clothing for between 300-400 children. This is our 8th year that the event has been run by **Southcoast Neediest Families Prize-a-Palooza** and the organization has been able to raise between \$25,000 and \$35,000 each year!

Can you help spread the word? They are still looking for Prize

and food donors for this years event. Any donor will be listed in our donor flyer and we are always willing to promote businesses by handing out business cards or any other provided materials. **Anyone wishing to donate can contact Kristen Lancaster at 774-263-1412 or by emailing neediest1970@gmail.com.** For more information and to stay up-to-date with prizes and information, check out their Facebook Page South Coast Neediest Families Prize-a-Palooza.



The AHEAD Company Store is Opening to Shoppers on November 18th in New Bedford

Every year there is great anticipation of this event and this season the **Ahead USA Company Store** will be open the next two weekends in November and three weekends in December. Every visit is different as the stock rotates daily, but you'll always find a great selection of clothes, hats, jackets,

sportswear, golf apparel and accessories at amazing prices. The best part? All of the products are made proudly right here in New Bedford.



Here is a graphic with the store hours for the 2022 Holiday Season:

Holiday Store 2022

November

Day of Week	Date	Time
Grand Opening - Friday	11/18	11am - 6pm
Saturday	11/19	9am - 3pm
Black Friday	11/25	9am - 3pm
Saturday	11/26	9am - 3pm

December

Day of Week	Date	Time
Friday	12/2	11am - 6pm
Saturday	12/3	9am - 3pm
Friday	12/9	11am - 6pm
Saturday	12/10	9am - 3pm
Friday	12/16	11am - 6pm
Last Sale Day - Saturday	12/17	9am - 3pm

Due to limited inventory, this year the ahead store will only be open on Fridays and Saturdays.

And here are directions:

Take RT. 140 to EXIT 7 – NEW BEDFORD INDUSTRIAL PARK
270 SAMUEL BARNET BLVD., NEW BEDFORD, MA.

DRIVE TO THE END OF BARNET BLVD AND ENTER THE SECOND “AHEAD”
DRIVE WAY

DRIVE TO THE BACK OF THE BUILDING TO THE DOOR LABELED STORE
ENTRANCE.

PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS • CASH OR CREDIT CARD



<https://www.facebook.com/aheadusa>

The New Bedford Festival

Theatre announces historic 33rd season!

New Bedford Festival Theatre announces historic 33rd season!

New Bedford Festival Theatre and Executive Producer Wendy Hall along with Artistic Director George Charbonneau and Associate Artistic Director Elizabeth Bettencourt have announced the company's 33rd season. Festival Theatre will now be producing shows year-round. In this historic season, Festival Theatre will move from a single summer production to a full season of three (3) major musical productions starting in November 2022.

The Festival Theatre kicks off the holiday season with Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* for 8 performances only!

Based on the classic holiday film; a song and dance duo follow two beautiful singing sisters to a Vermont inn for their Christmas show. This holiday classic features a dazzling score filled with well known standards including the Academy Award winning title song. *White Christmas* is an uplifting musical to celebrate the holidays.

Performances: November 26, December 1, 2, & 3 at 8:00pm and November 26, 27, December 3 & 4 at 2:00pm.

The Broadway classic *The Wiz* with Music and Lyrics by Charlie Smalls will "Ease on down..." to the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center for 5 performances.

A beloved Broadway gem, *The Wiz* offers a dazzling mix of rock, gospel, and soul music. This timeless tale of Dorothy's adventures through the land of Oz is a fun, family-friendly modern musical.

Performances: April 27, 28, 29 at 8:00pm and April 28 and 30

at 2:00pm.

A summer tradition returns! Andrew Lloyd Webber's smash hit musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat for 8 performances! One of the most enduring shows of all time. Joseph... is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers, and the coat of many colors. Performances: July 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 at 7:00 PM and July 23, 29, and 30 at 2:00 PM.

Single Tickets: Ranging from \$39-\$65

Season Subscriptions: All 3 shows for one low price! Ranging from \$110-\$160 per person.

Single Tickets and Subscriptions are now on sale online at zeiterion.org, by phone (508)994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office.

For more information: Please visit www.nbfestivaltheatre.com



New Bedford Festival Theatre

"Bringing the Best of Broadway to Southern New England"