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When Time Was Measured in Seasons

Mattapoisett Free Public Library and Mattapoisett Museum

By Marilou Newell

One of the most heavily attended events in Mattapoisett took place on November 23 when Linda Coombs of the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah was Invited to talk about her book *Colonization and the* Wampanoag Story. At the invitation of a joint partnership between the library and the Mattapoisett Museum, Coombs guided the audience through early first contacts between the Wampanoags and Europeans. She has spent the majority of her life educating both indigenous

people and those whose ancestry is derived from European settlers on traditions, day-to-day life, and the languages of her people.

Coombs shared her insights into how the Wampanoags once lived and the importance of maintaining and strengthening indigenous culture. First, the author and educator talked about her newest book Colonization and the Wampanoag Story. She explained the target



audience for the book is middle-school-aged children and older. The pages of the book are set up with black pages representing the historical novel, a story of young girls, members of a Wampanoag Tribe living their lives by the seasons, the animals and the natural environment successfully and in reverence to Mother Earth. White pages are researched text elaborating on the known history of the southeastern Massachusetts tribes.

We were told about the Doctrine of Discovery, written papal mandates granting explorers wide ranging rights to take, exploit, and even kill non-Christian people. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

On the Cover: Sunset at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett. Photo shared by Jen Shepley.

writes, "The Papal Bull 'Inter Caetera,' issued by Pope Alexander VI on May 4, 1493, played a central role in the Spanish conquest of the New World. The document supported Spain's strategy to ensure its exclusive right to the lands discovered by Columbus the previous year. It established a demarcation line one hundred leagues west of the Azores and Cape Verde Islands and assigned Spain the exclusive right to acquire territorial possessions and to trade in all lands west of that line. All others were forbidden to approach the lands west of the line without special license from the rulers of Spain. This effectively gave Spain a monopoly on the lands in the New World.

The Bull stated that any land not inhabited by Christians was available to be "discovered," claimed, and exploited by Christian rulers and declared that "the Catholic faith and the Christian religion be exalted and be everywhere increased and spread, that the health of souls be cared for and that barbarous nations be overthrown and brought to the faith itself." This "Doctrine of Discovery" became the basis of all European claims in the Americas as well as the foundation for the United States' western expansion. In the US Supreme Court in the 1823 case Johnson v. McIntosh, Chief Justice John Marshall's

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opinion in the unanimous decision held 'that the principle of discovery gave European nations an absolute right to New World lands. In essence, American Indians had only a right of occupancy, which could be abolished.'"

Coombs said that although indigenous people, while not practicing a "religion," were however, deeply entrenched in a belief system that recognized Earth's importance and its very foundation to all life-forms. Coombs said with sadness and a bit of sarcasm, "...the English thought they had a better way of life."

Some facts Coombs shared were that there are / were 69 villages that spoke the same language, each tribe had a leader and that plagues decimated entire regions were once tribal people had thrived – a 90-percent death rate. Oral histories, a well-known form of sharing culture and ancestorial history, were nearly completely erased.

To say indigenous people have persevered in spite of attempts to annihilate them is an under-statement. Today there is an awakening that has been growing although it has been slowly rising over decades. That awakening is the importance of all people but in this case America's indigenous people, to the overall survival of our species. We live on one planet, need the same things to sustain life, food, air, water – we need each other. Oh, one more thing, Coombs gives us, as close as is possible, the real Thanksgiving story in the book. You already know the ending.

To learn more about Linda Coombs read Colonization and the Wampanoag Story available at the library or simply search her name on the internet, you'll find her.

Mattapoisett Library Director Resigns

Mattapoisett Free Public Library Board of Trustees By Marilou Newell

On November 21, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting. But the meeting was far from regular as the board took up the matter of the library director's sudden resignation.

After eight months on the job as the library director, Colleen Tierney resigned. Tierney had relocated from Texas to take over the vacancy created when Jennifer Jones left to take a directorship in a nearby community. Now the town once again finds itself tasked with filling an important role in the fabric of the town and its character.

During the board meeting, it surfaced that Tierney had been approached by Mathew Vangel of the

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Dartmouth-based Lamb of God Christian Church in asking about policies and procedures related to use of a community room in the library. He sought to hold Bible studies in the public space.

There ensued a series of exchanges between Vangel and Tierney and between Tierney and the Select Board's office beginning in June 2024. During the trustees' meeting, its members said that Tierney never told them or the Select Board of difficulties she had with Vangel's request.

In a follow-up with Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, he stated that such difficulties "never came up" during his conversations with Tierney.

Lorenco also stated both during the meeting and the follow-up that the Select Board engaged legal counsel after receiving a demand letter from Vangel's legal team for use of the library space. "The board decided to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Vangel for use of the library space," Lorenco confirmed.

During the board meeting, the trustees made it clear that they were unaware of any difficulties between



Vangel and Tierney that would have prompted her resignation. They also believed they should have been informed of the brewing uneasiness.

The trustees agreed collectively that it was time to review and overhaul the existing library handbook and take a hard look at various policies. Trustee William Coquillette stated, "We need to up our game, not be complacent." Donald Fleming, a trustee, said, "We should have known about this."

Lorenco said at the meeting that Tierney had "felt differently" about the MOU but that the Select Board, on advice of counsel, decided to sign it allowing Vangel to use the library's community room while following established policies. Lorenco said, regarding legal matters,

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In the meantime, Library Trustees Chairman Ruth Joliffe said that the former director, Susan Pizzolatto, has returned on a part-time basis to help out. The trustees plan to create a new search committee that would include one or more residents.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Library Trustees is scheduled for December 19 at 4:00 pm in the library's Marine Room.

Customer Service and Bureaucratic Snafus

By Dick Morgado

No doubt you have encountered a bureaucratic snafu or two from time to time. If not, you are lucky. Surely you have read about someone who purchased an appliance; a refrigerator that refused to keep their leftovers cold or that broke down soon after installation, or a toaster, that wouldn't toast their English muffins.

Call after call to the dealer or manufacturer failed to elicit a repair or even offer any satisfactory response. You may have reached a "service" person who you couldn't understand.

Finally, you resorted to contacting a local newspaper's ombudsman, or TV station's consumer help reporter who quickly...sometimes...wades through the bureaucracy to resolve the issue or gets your money refunded...sometimes.

The word "snafu" is an acronym which means: "Situation normal, all..." you can guess the rest. Suffice to say, it was coined by soldiers during World War II to describe the bureaucracy of the Army. In my experience, bureaucrats exist to interpret the fine print that you haven't read or don't understand, and to aggravate you, making your life miserable.

Enter poor Kinley Maner, a 10-year-old girl in Arizona, who learned this the hard way. Young Kinley decided to raise chickens because they were "cute" and selling them at the County Fair would be "fun." Her folks encouraged Kinley because they felt caring for chickens

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was a good lesson to learn and an introduction to running a business. It wasn't long before a bureaucratic snafu spoiled her fun.

Kinley was successful in earning \$2,100 by auctioning six birds at the fair. The Small Stock Association, sponsors of the fair, wrote the kid a check which Mom deposited in her own account for safekeeping. Shortly after, Mom received a notice that her bank account had been cancelled.

After spending many hours on the phone with multiple nameless customer service persons she could hardly understand, the big nationally-known bank finally explained that the check "had been frozen" because the Small Stock Association's phone number on the check was not in service. Even after the association's official, who wrote the check, visited the local branch to explain that their number had been changed and the check was legitimate, the bank refused to un-freeze Mom's account and "there was nothing they could do about it." Kinley's money had flown the coop. No money for Kinley!

Funny how a little threat of bad publicity will cut through the bureaucracy of a company. Mom contacted the local TV station, which broadcast Kinley's tale on their evening newscast. Yup, you guessed it. Shortly after the broadcast the big nationally known bank apologized, blaming the whole thing...wait for it...on a bureaucratic snafu. Kinley's \$2,100, chicken feed to the bank, a fortune to Kinley, was returned. Mom's account was un-frozen.



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Kinley used some of the money (perhaps to buy more chickens?) and the rest went into a new college account, presumably at a different bank.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Marion Baker on the Food Network By Sam Bishop

If you tune into the Food Network Thanksgiving day, you'll be delighted to see one of Marion's own, Debi Lindsey, in an episode of Christmas Cookie Challenge. For about a decade, Debi has made beautiful works of art that just so happen to be delicious. Rather than a storefront, Debi



runs things out of her home kitchen where she designs, bakes, packages, and sells her cookies.

To see Debi in action competing against other bakers, check out the Food Network Thanksgiving night at 9:00 pm or catch it later on Max.





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Marion Wetlands and Development Marion Conservation Commission By Michael J. DeCicco

Marion's Conservation Commission decided that two projects before it on November 20 were not subject to wetlands protection bylaws.

The commission issued negative determinations of wetlands regulation applicability for plans to repair a wood frame deck, stairs, and egress at 195B Converse Road and to remove eight trees close to the home at 12 Bell Guzzle Lane.

With both projects, Commission Chair Matt Shultz said the board had visited the sites over the weekend and had no questions or comments. Conservation Agent Doug Guez-Lee's only comment regarded the Converse Road project because the petitioner Gretchem Hardina had started the work before filing the application. "The application was after the fact," he said. "But other that, I have no comments."

Regarding the 12 Bell Guzzle Lane project, Shultz agreed the trees needed to be removed because they were hazardously close to the house there. The board, however, added one significant condition to its negative determination order, that the stumps left behind be flushed out or ground down.

The board also approved Orders of Conditions for two proposed house construction projects, at 17 Kabeyun Road and a yet-to-be numbered address on Wilson Road.

The representative for Kabeyun Road, applicant Susan Billings, noted the plan here is to demolish a small



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cottage and garage and replace it with a two-story cottage with parking beneath and a gravel rather than a paved driveway. The new construction will encompass roughly the same footprint and be protected within the wetlands buffer zone by a concrete washout area and erosion controls that will take runoff off-site.

The project, however, will also require Zoning Board of Appeals approval to continue to be a "nonconforming lot". The board's lone significant item in the Order of Conditions it approved for this project was that there a concrete area at the driveway. The board's lone significant condition in approving the Wilson Road project is to add a siltation fence and hay bales.

In other action, the commission approved an amended Order of Conditions for the construction of a concrete walkway at 17 Seaside Lane. The project's consultant explained the commission approved the walkway approximately 18 months ago and work on it was completed about a year ago. Then came two December storms in a row, causing washout behind the new wall, leading to the need to restore the wall.

The commission continued until its next meeting the Town of Marion Department of Public Works' plan on Pumping Station Road to replace an existing dieselfueled generator with a new propane-fueled generator. The continuance was requested because the project also requires approval by the Natural Heritage Foundation.

The next Marion Conservation Commission





meeting will be December 4 at 7:00 pm, in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street.

Marion Development Seeking Leniency Marion Planning Board By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Developer Matthew Zuker is looking for a reprieve from some of the restrictions on his proposed 48-unit affordable housing project so the development can begin constructing roads and possibly some model homes.

The Planning Board held a lengthy hearing on this topic at the Novediteember 18 meeting and asked Zuker to review an engineering plan from Field Engineering, work with the Department of Public Works and other local officials before allowing any work.

Zuker mentioned that there are many variables to the project, such as extending town water to the site and town sewer. Zuker said because some of these issues are beyond the development's control, he asked for some leniency.

Zuker and Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee mentioned that there is a homeowner association covenant in place that restricts the project from moving forward until all infrastructure is in place.

Zuker said extending the sewer to the development is a small issue, but the town is working on a larger project to extend the water line – an issue only the



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town can resolve.

"It would be problematic for us from a timing perspective," Zuker said about meeting all infrastructure demands before construction can take place.

"We certainly can't have anything done without sewer and water and it is something we are actively trying to meet with the town on how we can get there," Zuker also said.

Zuker said he would like to work with fire officials toward building a road and getting the development ready for public safety needs. He said it would be helpful to start building some model homes and noted that there would be no occupancy – especially without sewer or water – until all infrastructure demands are met.

Planning Board member Eilleen Marum, reading an independent report from Field Engineering, noted that there are drainage, stormwater, and environmental concerns that must first be addressed. She said that the report was dated October 28, and Zuker said he has not yet reviewed the report.



Marum said reviewing that report is a necessary step.

"The residents of Marion are all for this project, but they all want it to be done right. I want it to be done right and I'm sure you do too," Marum said.

Zuker agreed to have his engineer work with Field Engineering toward plans to resolve any concerns about drainage issues, as well as stormwater run-off any potential environmental concerns.

Planning Board members told Zuker to continue to work with town officials on the water and sewer extension plans, as well as the storm-water and environmental concerns from Field Engineering. Zuker said he believes most of Field

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When preparing food or washing mountains of dishes, put one foot up on a small step stool. Switch feet occasionally. You can also open a cabinet door and put a foot on the ledge to accomplish the same thing. This puts less stress on your spine while you're standing.

If you're going for a long drive to visit friends or relatives this Thanksgiving, make sure to take a break from driving and get out of your vehicle to stretch. This helps restores normal posture.

The same is true for watching hours of after-dinner football. Get up during commercials and move.

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According to Zuker's presentation earlier this vear, the development would encompass 30 acres and feature 36 detached dwellings and 12 townhouses for a total of 48 units

The board voted to continue Zuker's hearing to the December 2 meeting.

The board on November 18 also approved Johnson Family Investment LLC's business plan to remove a single-family home on Mill Street and build a parking lot for its business plaza.

The board will meet again December 2 at 6:00 pm at the Marion Police Station.

Mattapoisett Schools On-Budget and On-Task

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Sam Bishop The Mattapoisett School Committee met November 21 at Old Hammondtown School. The meeting began by recognizing long-time paraprofessional Cyndy Atwood and her work with the education of many students but also the focus on students' social and emotional needs. The committee thanked her and wished her a happy retirement as she is to retire soon. The committee then held a unanimous vote to approve the minutes from their last meeting, October 17. They then approved the October 17 budget subcommittee meeting





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Next was approving and accepting donations. Two donations from the Mattapoisett PTA, one \$325 donation from for an in-school assembly with New Bedford Ballet and a \$1,019.86 donation for a grade-three field trip to Plymouth Museums. Both were accepted unanimously.

The committee then heard a presentation on MCAS scores. For the state as a whole, ELA remained the same with a decrease in scores in math. Scores in science improved statewide in grades 5 and 10 but not in grade 8. For Mattapoisett schools, ELA scores were 21% higher, math scores 23% higher, and science scores 20% higher than the state average. It was noted that these





tests are very difficult, but the data collected from them is paramount to improving curriculum but statewide and in-district.

Superintendent Nelson then spoke of the work going into crafting the 2025-2026 school calendar across the Tri-town. The committee had no comments on the calendar but said as time goes on this calendar year, they will be more capable of making comments.

The committee also went over school budgets and stated everything as of now is in order and within the approved budget.

The number of school meals served has steadily increased and it was stressed that the program to offer free meals, breakfast and lunch, to students should be utilized by all parents.

Committee member Carly Lavin took the time to point out that the school year is nearly one-third of the way done and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, how thankful she is to staff and teachers for "putting together such a great learning environment for our children."

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee will be February 6 with the Joint Committee meeting January 23.

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If you have any questions, please email: lisagarabedian122@gmail.com. We are still looking for contact information for many of our classmates. Please reach out to any of our classmates that you keep in touch with to let them know the reunion is being planned and share this information on social media.

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If these names mean something to you, you are welcome to come join our reunion. The committee has decided to invite all classes from ORR to join in our reunion fun so spread the word to friends in other classes. We are looking forward to a great reunion. Warm regards from the Class of 1985 Reunion Committee.

Annual Holiday Pops Concert

On Sunday, **December 15**, Music Director Yaniv Dinur will lead the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra in two performances of its popular Holiday Pops Family Concert, this year taking place in the Bronspiegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School. Bring your family and friends to the festively decorated theater to enjoy the most entertaining holiday concert in town.

The NBSO will play a sleighful of your holiday favorites, including A Merry Carol of the Bells and works from "The Nutcracker" ballet. Members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Youth Orchestras (SEMAYO) and the Showstoppers will join the orchestra for several merry numbers. The children's matinee at 3:30 pm will offer a craft activity for the children from 2:30 pm to 3:25 pm and the concert runtime is no more than one hour. The 7:00 pm performance features a bit more music. Both concerts offer a photo station in the lobby before and after the performance. Please note there is no intermission.

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Tickets are \$20-\$45 for adults, while admission for children and students is just \$10 (not available online). Purchase your tickets through the Z box office, by calling 508-994-2900, in person at 128 Union Street in the lower lobby of the DeMello International Center, New Bedford, or online at www.nbsymphony.org. Free parking is available in the lots around the high school and across the street at Keith Middle School.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the





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Church of The Good Shepherd Christmas Fair

The Church of The Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham, MA will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be baked goods, artwork and cards, a children's gift room for shopping ages 12 and under, crafts, gift baskets, jewelry, raffle, scarves, and used Christmas decorations. Come and get in the spirit of the holiday and help support the many outreach programs at Good Shepherd.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday December 4. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Our speaker will be introduced at 6:40 pm. Chef Colby is planning another satisfying meal. Callers, please send your counts by 9:00 pm Monday, November 4. Please submit inquiries to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

December Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Visit the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street this December.



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The Teen Advisory Board meets on Tuesday, **December 3**, at 6:00 pm. Interested teens can contact Amanda Lawrence at alawrence@sailsinc.org. TAB is intended for students between the ages of 12 and 18 who seek a leadership role in the library. New members are welcome.

This winter, the Teen Advisory Board is collecting donations of new socks, hats, and gloves to benefit people of all ages in need of warm-weather gear. All donations may be left in the bins at the Mattapoisett Library until January 15. The Teen Advisory Board appreciates your support of the community's needs.

For the first time, the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will host their Annual Jewelry Sale for three



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consecutive days. The special Preview Sale for Friends members is on Thursday, **December 5**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The sale dates for the General Public will be Friday, **December 6**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday, **December 7**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Join New Bedford's own Painting at Splash on Saturday, **December 14** at 11:00 am for a fun-filled morning of creativity. Painting at Splash will lead patrons through a step-by-step art lesson. Create a cozy gnome or do your own thing. This program is recommended for patrons aged 12 and up. Space is limited. Registration is required. Please see our website for more information. Remember to dress accordingly, as paint can be messy.

Our next Cookbook Club meeting is scheduled for **December 17** at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome. This month, we're reading The Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen. Copies of the book are available for pickup at the library. Stop by and snag one.

As always, these events and activities are free and open to all. Check the calendar on our website for additional information and updates. If you have questions, please email mfpl@sailsinc.org or call us at 508-758-4171.

A Holiday By The Sea in Marion

The Sippican Woman's Club presents their 38th annual holiday house tour, Holiday By The Sea, on







Saturday, **December 7**. Arrive early to start your seaside holiday at 10:00 am at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front St., while delighting in glee with the Dickens Carolers.

You will be swept away by five stunning homes within this seaside village, each full of character and celebration of the season. Pause to relax at the tour's Sugarplum Tea with light refreshments held this year at Tabor's Head of School's Great Room from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm followed by jingle and mingle afterhours at the Beverly Yacht Club from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Make sure to take your chance winning your own "Holiday By The Sea", a 2-night stay in a luxurious two-bedroom penthouse suite at Harbourtown in Plymouth.

Giving nearly \$500,000 since 1947 in scholarships to local students and charitable giving, 100% of all tour profits go directly back to the community. Tour and Holiday By The Sea Raffle tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance online at SippicnWomansClub.org.

Also contributing to the festivities on **December** 7 are the Marion Garden Group's Greens Sale Plus from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at The Music Hall, and The Marion Art Center's Holiday Shop open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Marion Village Stroll

Sunday, **December 8** from 3 to 5:30 pm Coordinated by Angela Rossi and sponsored by The Marion Business Community Association, local merchants offer hospitality and treats; Santa arrives via boat at the Old Landing at 3:00 pm; Clydesdale horses pull wagons of happy guests. Added to this are crafts, games, and musical performances, and the Tree lighting at 5:30 pm at the Bandstand. During the Stroll, The Sippican Woman's Club's clubhouse aka "The Tavern", 152 Front Street will be open to sit, visit and enjoy warm wassail.

With window boxes decorated by the Marion Garden Group and small lighted evergreen trees done by the Marion Business Community Association, Front Street in Marion Village is a winter fairyland on a cold December night.

Wareham Garden Club Vintage Holly Faire

The Wareham Garden Club's annual faire will take place Saturday, **December 7** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm noon at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 82 High Street, Wareham. The Vintage Holly Faire will feature traditional favorites. Member made boxwood "trees", live decorated green wreaths, assorted bundles of greens, table centerpieces, yule logs, memorial baskets, a craft table, vintage ornaments, gift baskets, driftwood wreaths, prepackaged cookies and member made baked goods will be available. Cash, checks or credit cards are accepted.

The Wareham Garden Club's fundraisers help support their numerous civic beautification projects, educational events, monthly garden therapy at the Wareham Council on Aging and funds their annual

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scholarships to local deserving students. The club meets the second Thursday of each month, September to January and March to June. The club encourages prospective new members to attend a meeting. For membership information, please contact Susan Melrose at 203-470-8919 or email the club at warehamgardenclubma@gmail.com

Turning Point Seeks Help To Provide Holiday Magic

Turning Point, the day resource center of Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless (WACH), is looking for the public's help to ensure area children in need enjoy the Magic of the Holidays.



Turning Point's "Holiday Magic" Outreach Program provides clothing and gifts to those that qualify for assistance from the towns of Wareham, Buzzards Bay, Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Middleboro, and Rochester.

Last season, 483 children were provided some holiday magic as a result of the whole community coming together from local businesses and individuals to senior citizens and middle and high school student volunteers. Turning Point is again looking for the public's assistance to ensure the magic continues this year.

There are many ways to help Turning Point this season - sponsor a child or family, donate to one of the toy drive locations, volunteer time, or send a product

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Movie Review

Pulled Back In

By Rob Gonsalves www.robsmovievault.com

The Godfather Part II (1974). Starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Running time: 202 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on physical or streaming home media.

The Godfather Part II, which observes its 50th anniversary on December 11 (it's too solemn a film to "celebrate" the day), is widely regarded as the greatest sequel ever made. I can't really argue that. Together with its 1972 predecessor it forms an organic whole, to which the third film, as director Francis Ford Coppola decreed a few years ago, is not a final chapter but a coda. It is perhaps the premier example of a filmmaker being given the key to the city after a big hit — Coppola made another masterpiece, *The Conversation*, right between the first two *Godfathers*, and Paramount gave Coppola more than twice the budget of *Godfather I* to realize *Godfather II*.

The money shows on the screen, especially during the flashbacks to a young Vito Corleone (Robert De Niro) in the New York City of the 1910s and 1920s, "which is recreated," wrote Pauline Kael at the time, "in a way that makes movies once again seem a miraculous medium." The sets, the costuming, it all carries the weight of high craft and serious cash. Coppola uses the opportunity to import some material about young Vito from Mario Puzo's original book, while telling the story of the moral decay of Vito's son, Michael (Al Pacino), who has succeeded Vito as the Corleone family's Don. Vito came from nothing and rose to the top of his (degraded) field; Michael was born on third base and ultimately gets picked off on home plate — not in terms of material glory but in terms of his soul.

If anyone in Part II has a soul, it's poor Fredo (John Cazale), Michael's dimwit brother, whose feelings are too close to the surface to allow him to be a shrewd gangster. Mostly Fredo hangs out with third-rankers or decrepit bosses on the way out, like the ailing Hyman Roth (Lee Strasberg). I probably shouldn't worry about spoilers for a 50-year-old movie, but nobody's seen everything. What I will say is that Cazale, a great actor taken much, much too soon, makes a powerful case for the cracked humanity, passion, and even decency of Fredo (we wonder how the Corleone kids might've turned out growing up into a family whose business wasn't murder; Cazale gives us some clues). Fredo is dangerously dumb — "He's weak and he's stupid," Michael tells their sister Connie (Talia Shire), "and this is life and death" — and he does not, and never did, belong in such a family. Michael knows this,



and Pacino conveys the last remaining scraps of Michael's humanity protesting what events have turned him into. He pays constant lip service to his family, but betrays it thoroughly.

The betrayal, of course, begins at the end of Part *I*. But those who think old Vito is romanticized by being shown as a vital young man — who starts off by sending a predatory Don to hell — may need to watch the film again. De Niro, who deserved the Oscar he won, gives Vito a quiet animal shrewdness (the kind Fredo didn't inherit but Michael got too much of) that keeps us from wholeheartedly co-signing his actions. He may set himself up as a protector, as opposed to the mob boss he killed, but everyone knows how he got there and why it's wise to stay under his protection. Michael, by contrast, finds it hard to protect anyone. Partly it's a generational difference; partly it has to do with a lack of moral continuity from the old country (which Vito and his associates broke, leaving their heirs with nothing greater to aspire to than unfailing loyalty to the clan).

Godfather II ties all its elements together into a nuanced yet epic vision of an American family and how its downfall parallels that of America itself in the first half of the 20th century. (Kael rightly called it "a bicentennial picture that doesn't insult the intelligence.") The corners of the movie are stuffed with fresh new characters like Frankie Pentangeli (Michael V. Gazzo), who along with Hyman Roth seems to mourn their own idealized notion of the past. Of course they enshrine the past — there, they were up and coming and tasting success; now they're limping for the exit. Coppola even grapples with the female response to the toxic masculinity of mob life; the sequence in which Michael's wife Kay (Diane Keaton) cuts herself off from him forever by revealing her own "betrayal" has been twitted a bit over the years for the searching, actors'-workshop tone of its acting, but I thought Pacino and Keaton played the reality of this pre-feminist couple without inserting their modern consciousness. They are committed to showing what the life Michael has been shoved into destroys more ruthlessly than a bullet: trust, love, simple happiness.

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An important part of the Holiday Outreach Program is its sponsors. Sponsors adopt a child or family and are provided a list of the child's needs and wishes. Sponsors are asked to provide as many items as they are able. Turning Point will supplement any additional needs through other donations secured through other efforts.

Turning Point is honored to be able to partner with the following giving events this season:

The Wareham Transportation Department will be sponsoring a "Stuff-A-Bus" event on December 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Main Street in the parking lot next to the



Wareham Fire Station.

The Wareham Police Association will be holding its annual "Stuff-a-Cruiser" on December 7 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Wareham Target and Wareham Walmart. If you are interested in sponsoring, volunteering, donating, in need of assistance, or need additional information, please contact holidaymagic2022@gmail. com.

The Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless (WACH), a 501c3 nonprofit organization d/b/a/Turning Point, serves homeless and near homeless people in the communities of Wareham, Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Middleboro, and Buzzards Bay. For more information on Turning Point programs and services, visit the website at www.turningpointwarehm.org

December at the Rochester Historical Society Museum

On December 14, we will be at the Plumb Library for their Christmas Bazaar. Watch for times from the library. We will have our Rochester hats, clothing, books, maps, tic tac toes, and other items for sale.

The next events will be at the Rochester Historical Museum at 355 County Road. On **December 15** at 2:00 pm, Bruce Gadzina is back to play our rare Vocallion organ for a Christmas Organ Concert. This will be followed by refreshments.

On **December 18**, we will be having a Christmas Party amongst the toys and other artifacts in our current



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OBITUARIES



John T. "Jack" Quinn, 92, of Marion died November 18, 2024 peacefully at home surrounded by his family who love him very much. He was the beloved husband of the late Marie A. (Borges) Quinn.

Jack was born in Cambridge MA on July 23, 1932 to the late John J. and Catherine M. (Durant) Quinn. He attended St Peter's school and Rindge Tech where he began his lifelong career in printing. He worked at Cuneo Press for 15 years and then the

Boston Globe for 30 years, retiring as Special Project Manager with many inventions created and patents granted along the way.

Jack served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Soon after returning from Korea, he went to Mosley's on the Charles where he met Marie, the love of his life. They lived in Roslindale where they raised their three children, then retired to Marion, MA where he quickly became the neighbors' go to guy to fix anything, always having the exact tool and the knowledge needed to get the job done. He was a devoted member of the Saint Rita's coffee club.

Jack attended Northeastern University majoring in electrical engineering and Wentworth Institute. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists Local #264. Jack enjoyed playing hockey, swimming, building a tuna boat and furniture, rebuilding cars, and happily helping anyone in need. He had his captain's license, was a member of Old Colony Yacht Club, was a coxswain with the Coast Guard Auxiliary where he taught safe boating, navigation, and mentored others studying to take their captain's exam.

Survivors include his three children, Judith A. Quinn of Milton; Maureen Quinn-Dupont and her husband David of Boston, and John J. Quinn and his wife Barbara Bojba of Boston; three grandchildren, Stephanie Jones-Booker and her husband Reginald, Shane Quinn, and Rebecca Coutu and her husband Matt; four great-grandchildren, Latrelle Angur and her husband Ibrahim, Raequan, Jonathan, and Rachael Jones-Booker; several nieces and nephews; his sister, Mary Schifferdecker of Cambridge; and his honorary daughter, Kathy McCra. He was the brother of the late Gertrude Manion.

His family will received guests on Saturday, November 23rd in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett followed by his Funeral Mass at St. Rita's Church 121 Front St. Marion. Burial followed in Old Landing Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Globe Santa at https://www.globesanta.org/p/1 or the Alzheimer's Association https://www.alz. org/. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Roger D. Boucher, 94, of Rochester, MA, passed away peacefully at home on November 21, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Roger was the beloved husband of Yvette C. (Serra) Boucher for more than seven decades, sharing a life filled with laughter, faith, and cherished memories.

He is survived by his son Ronald Boucher and wife Sandra, his daughter Renee Lemieux and husband Pierre and his daughter Carol Fox. He is also survived by his grandchildren Erin, Marco, Danielle, Katie and Noelle as well as great-grandchildren Brianna, Abigail and Vivian.

Born in Acushnet, Roger was the son of the late Ulric and Denise (Gagnon) Boucher. He grew up in New Bedford as the eighth of thirteen children, a family bound by deep ties and traditions. His siblings-Norman, Adrienne, Beatrice, Adelard, Edgar, Germain, Roland, Maurice, Conrad, Claude, Yvette, and Donald-shaped his early years with love and resilience.

Roger's life was one of service and dedication. A proud U.S. Army veteran, he served his country during the Korean War. After his military service, Roger worked as a postal clerk at the New Bedford Post Office. He served as the President of the Postal Union for 12 years and eventually became the Postmaster of the Mattapoisett Post Office.

After many fulfilling years serving as a Postmaster, he enjoyed a well-deserved retirement in The Villages, Florida, where he made countless happy memories. Faith was central to Roger's life. While in Florida he became a Eucharistic Minister and served his church until his return to Rochester in 2014 in order to be closer to family where he was able to continue to share his love and wisdom with those around him.

Roger's greatest joy was his family, whom he cherished beyond measure. Whether playing cards around the table, sharing stories, or laughing at his wife's quick wit, his presence brought warmth and joy to every gathering.

He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, laughter, and unconditional love that will live on in the hearts of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who knew him.

Visitation was held on Monday, November 25th, at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, November 26th, at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. Burial was private for immediate family. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Roger's memory to a charity of one's choice, reflecting his generous and compassionate spirit. exhibit. We will begin at 6:30 pm and at 7:00 pm, Sheila and Tom Perry will lead us all singing Christmas songs and we'll all enjoy cocoa and cookies.

We are asking attendees to bring an unwrapped gift for a teen or child to either or both events and we will donate them to Toys for Tots.

Holiday Sing Along

Come one, come all. Join the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, on Sunday, **December 18** from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm for the annual Holiday Sing Along. Get into the holiday spirit by singing songs with live musical accompaniment. The song list will include old time favorites such as Jingle Bells, Rudolf, Deck the Halls, White Christmas, and many more. Bring your wish lists because Santa Claus will be making a guest appearance to cap the event. Refreshments will be served.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will hold its next meeting at 6:30 pm on **December 9**, at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, located on 242 Robinson Road, Acushnet. The public is invited to attend.

Lessons & Carols

North Rochester Congregational Church located at 247 North Avenue, Rochester will have a celebration of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, **December 15** at 4:00 pm. Refreshments to follow. There will be no morning service that day.

Mattapoisett Historical Commission

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission is pleased to announce that Phase One of the multi-phase community-wide survey of the Town of Mattapoisett's historic and cultural resources has been completed by preservation consultant, Lynn Smiledge. The project was funded by a grant from the Community Preservation Act and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Identification and documentation of historic resources is the foundation of community preservation. The survey identifies buildings and structures that are historically and architecturally significant in the history and development of the community. The goal of the survey was to document representative historic resources from major themes in the development of Mattapoisett including agricultural, maritime, commercial, institutional, and an undocumented resource from an underrepresented community. The survey thoroughly documented 112 properties, which included three area forms and 75 individual resources. Additionally, five properties were recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The inventory forms have been submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission where they are in the process of being scanned and placed on an easily



accessible database, MACRIS. (Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System) The forms will also be available in hard copy at the Mattapoisett Public Library and on the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website.

A Historic Property Survey Plan, completed in January of 2023, identified approximately 300 high priority resources. The Historical Commission is currently moving forward with Phase Two of the survey and has contracted with Lynn Smiledge to document an additional 100 resources. This project is being funded by a grant from the CPA, and it is expected to be completed in the summer of 2025.

Mattapoisett has an amazing and diverse history. The Historical Commission looks forward to sharing this history with the community.

Rochester Women's Club Wreath Sale

The Rochester Women's Club will be having its annual Christmas Wreath Sale on Saturday, **December** 7 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Last year the club sold out within two hours. Get there early!

Our wreaths are decorated as naturally as possible. Using local greens and holly. With or without a bow and all priced at \$30.

This year we will be having a bake sale. Homemade goodies to enjoy as you shop or to take home, plus free hot chocolate.

The wreath sale is one of the club's biggest

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May his soul rest in eternal peace

Patricia D. "Pat" (Glennon) Waldron,

of Fairhaven, formerly of Wareham, died peacefully, surrounded by her family, in St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, on Friday, November 22, 2024. She was 72. Pat was born in Schenectady, New

York, and was the daughter of the late Patrick J. Glennon III and his late wife Thelma (Moore) Glennon and the late Edith (Bowden) Smith and her late husband Frank "Ozzy" Smith.

Pat was raised and educated in Schenectady, New York. She attended the former St. John the Baptist Elementary, graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School, and continued her education at the former McIntosh College in Dover New Hampshire, where she earned her associates degree in travel service.

Pat's career was vast and focused on the service of others. Her first job was working in the cash room of K-Mart. She rose within the company and achieved the position of store manager. Pat retired from K-Mart after 20 years of service. Following K-Mart, Pat delved into the travel industry. Pat later worked as a corporate travel agent, for several corporations in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Boston until 2003. She developed a love for real estate, so Pat earned her real estate license and worked for various agencies in the Wareham, Marion, and Onset area. Pat's most recent job was working as an office administrator for Paquette Associates of Wareham. Throughout her professional career, Pat loved working for Paquette Associates the most. She was always grateful for the support they showed her.

Pat loved to travel, so it was fitting for her to help other people travel the world as a travel agent. Culture and people were important to Pat, and she enjoyed seeing new places and experiencing new adventures. Her beloved Paris was certainly the place she loved to travel to the most. She also enjoyed traveling around the world to Aruba, the Caribbean, Europe, and Saratoga, New York for race week.

Pat loved animals, especially cats and birds. Having lived in many rural areas throughout her life, wildlife visiting in the backyard was always welcomed by her. In her later years, Pat enjoyed birding with her husband, Ed.

Pat was a quiet and reserved person, though she had a wonderful sense of humor and strong constitution. Pat's lasting impression on the people who knew and loved her will be part of her legacy that continues through all the lives she touched.

Pat's husband and family would like to extend their gratitude for all the care and support given to her. From the staff at South Coast Cancer Center in Fairhaven, Tobey and St. Luke's Hospital staff and teams, ambulance first responders and her most recent employer. Pat's family is sincerely grateful for your professional and tender support. Pat was the beloved wife of Edward J. Waldron, with whom she shared 32 loving years. She was the aunt of Dustin Waldron of Medway, and Kaitlin Waldron of Los Angeles. Pat was the great-aunt of Riley, Mallori, and Brayden Waldron. She was the sister-in-law of Charles L. and his wife Kathleen (Coakley) Waldron of Medway. Pat is also survived by her adoring cat Gilford, and many loving extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 9-11 am in the St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St., Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Pat's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 11 am in St. Anthony's Church, 26 Hammond St., Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Pat's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

See www.Keohane.com for online condolences and directions.



Christopher John Wallace, 63, of Dartmouth died at St. Luke's Hospital on November 23, 2024 after a massive heart attack.

Christopher was raised in Marion and graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School. He studied architectural

engineering at Wentworth Institute of Technology, and went on to design buildings of all types and size in southern New England.

Chris lived in Dartmouth with his fiancée Sarah Ketchel in an historic farmhouse, the former home of Noelie Houle, affectionately known as "The Goat Lady." He was enthralled by the history of the property and took seriously his stewardship of it, the creative restoration of which was in many ways his life's work. His particular skills included building old-fashioned stonewalls and creating Victorian-style decorative shingle work. He was the proud owner of an antique Farmall tractor, which he used to cultivate his large vegetable garden.

Never able to turn away from an animal in need, Christopher had a special love for his dogs and cats, all of whom were rescues. But most of all, Christopher loved people. He had an affinity for older people and a deep appreciation for their individual stories. He grew in knowledge and spiritual wisdom from the range of people he encountered.

Always forward-facing, Chris was filled with hope for the future and eager to bring to fruition his many plans. He was one-of-a-kind, with a quick wit, a wry sense of humor, and a wealth of little-known historical facts. Known for his unique gift giving, Chris delighted in finding one-of-a-kind
scholarship fundraisers. Three scholarships are offered each year to high school graduating seniors who live in Rochester and will be furthering their education in the fall.

Reminder that we are open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and wreath sellout fast.

The Club House is located at 37 Marion Road Route 105 in Rochester.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Library will close at 12:00 pm on Wednesday November 27, and be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 in celebration of Thanksgiving.

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library's annual Holiday Book sale will be kicking off on Sunday, December 1 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and will be operating until Sunday, December 22. Check out our holiday raffle baskets and find gifts for the whole family. All proceeds benefit the library.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Celebrates Advent

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church would like to invite the community to several special events to kick off the Advent season with the first Sunday in Advent on **December 1** at 10:00 am as we light the Candle of Hope.

The Holiday Fair will be held on **December 7** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall with baked goods, handmade craft items as well as handcrafted jewelry, and other Christmas décor.

The White Gifts Pageant which celebrates the birth of Jesus will be held during worship on Sunday,

December 8 beginning at 10:00 am where we will light the Candle of Peace. During this service we will be taking donations of gift cards to Walmart, Target and local grocery stores such as Stop and Shop, Shaws and Market Basket only.

On **December 15** we will light the candle of joy as Pastor Michael speaks about the meaning of Jesus coming. A beautiful service of Lessons and Carols will be held on **December 22** at 10:00 am where we light the candle of Love with performers from the Seaglass Theater Company.

On Christmas Eve, there are 2 services planned. The Christmas Eve Family Service will be held at 5:00 pm where we will light all Advent wreath candles in addition to the Christ candle with soloist Alissa Cassola.

The beautiful Candlelight Service will be held at 10:00 pm with soloist Andy Crain.

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Advent season at Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Please see our website at mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org for more information.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

As I've mentioned before, Abraham Holmes doesn't make much mention of either Christmas or Thanksgiving. This is not surprising as the Puritan influence was strong. Christmas and Thanksgiving weren't official national holidays until 1863.

While we live in a state where the first Thanksgiving occurred in the 1620's, the idea of a national day of gratitude was principally the mission of one woman, Sarah Josepha Hale (she wrote the poem, "Mary had a little Lamb") began in the 1840's lobbying for a unifying day of thanksgiving in the hope of bringing a divided country together. She wrote letters to governors,

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items for people at antique stores and yard sales. And he was able to make the ultimate gift by donating his liver and kidneys to people in need of life-saving transplants and his heart for medical research so others might benefit.

Chris is survived by his fiancé Sarah Ketchel of Dartmouth; his parents Janet and LaVerne Wallace of Marion, MA; brother Gregory Wallace and his husband Craig Sheppard of Seattle, WA; brother Timothy Wallace and his wife Deirdre of Plymouth, MA; brother Andrew and his wife Dawn of Alton, NH; and sister Ann Wallace and her fiancé Konstantin Vail of Jersey City, NJ. He was the proud uncle of a dozen nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his beloved pets: dogs Leah and Tucker, and cats Max, Gizmo, and Nora.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 11:30 am at the Friends Meeting House, 103 Marion

Road, Mattapoisett, followed by a luncheon and celebration of life at a local private residence (the address will be provided at the service or people can contact Ann Wallace at annwallace409@gmail.com for info). In lieu of sending flowers, the family would love for people to make a donation in Chris's name to Lighthouse Animal Shelter, the wonderful rescue organization in New Bedford where Chris and Sarah adopted their dogs Tip and Leah.

Arrangements are being handled by Saunders-Dwyer Funeral Home in Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS

MARION

Log highlights Nov 17-Nov 23

- Mill St EMS/medical
- Upland Way EMS/medical
- Mill St Fraud
- Route195 West MV complaint
- Mill St MV stop/citation
- Delano Rd Health/welfare
- · Mill St Fraud
- Point Rd MV stop/citation
- Ichabod Ln EMS/medical
- Mill St MV collision
- Point Rd Animal complaint
- Whynot Ct EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd EMS/medical
- Benson Brook Rd EMS/medical
- Point Rd Juvenile offense
- · Delano Rd EMS/medical
- Point Rd MV complaint
- Point Rd Follow up
- Luce Ave Vandalism/past
- Wareham Rd Officer wanted
- Front St Suspicious MV
- Mill St Officer wanted
- Allen's Point Rd- Burglar alarm
- Park St Animal complaint
- · Wareham Rd Parking enforcement Reservation Way - Health/welfare
- Route 195 West MV collision
- Mill St Order of Protection
- Bullivant Farm Rd EMS/medical

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- Log highlights Nov 17-Nov 23
- Fairhaven Rd Brush fire
- Reservation Rd Suspicious MV
- Prospect Rd MV violations
- North St MV crash Shaw St Health/welfare
- Atkinson Way Medical alarm
- Acushnet Rd Officer wanted
- Shaw St General service
- Brant Beach Ave Animal control
- Mechanic St - 911 call
- Tallman St Parking complaint
- Acushnet Rd General service •
- Water St Property found
- Marion Rd MV crash
- Holly Ln Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd MV lockout
- Grand View Ave Ambulance request
- Abby Ln – Officer wanted
- North St MV crash
- Justin Ave Medical alarm
- North St Notification
- 1195 East MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Cannon St Medical assist
- Holly Ln Medical assist
- Shore Dr Suspicious person
- Beech Wood Rd Assist citizen
- Acushnet Rd Assist other agency
- Tara Rd Notification
- Walnut Plain Rd Larceny North Ave - Medical alarm County Rd - General service

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Log highlights Nov 17-Nov 23

Clapp Rd – Suspicious activity Dexter Ln – Animal control

Hathaway Pond Cir – 911 call

Shadow Farm Ln – Suspicious activity

Walnut Plain Rd - Outside investigation

New Bedford Rd - Threats

Neck Rd – Animal control

Allev Rd – Follow up

North Ave – Erratic MV

Stevens Rd - Outside fire

North Ave – MV collision

North Ave – 911 call

Benjamin Dr - Medical

Paradise Ln - Fraud

Neck Rd – Suspicious activity

Marion Rd - Suspicious activity

Marvs Pond Rd – MV stop/citation

Snipituit Rd – Burglar alarm

Neck Rd – Suspicious activity

Marys Pond Rd – MV collision

Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision

Mendell Rd – Road hazard

Neck Rd - Noise complaint

- Marion Rd MV collision
- North Ave MV collision ٠

salad

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Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

EGIONAL LUNCH IENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 2: Cheese lasagna w/ marinara sauce, green peas, wheat roll, peaches

Tuesday, Dec 3: Meatloaf w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread. shortbread cookie, diet: fruit

Wednesday, Dec 4: Pulled pork tacos w/lime wedge, Mexican rice, black beans, corn & peppers, mini tortillas (2), pears

Thursday, Dec 5: Chicken Anna Maria, roasted potatoes, spinach & peppers, wheat bread, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit

Friday, Dec 6: Teriyaki shrimp, white rice, edamame & corn, wheat roll, cinnamon apples

CENTER SCHOOL

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Monday, Dec 2: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Dec 3: Chicken fajita rice bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

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Wednesday, Dec 4: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown

patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Dec 5: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic stick Friday, Dec 6: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 2: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Dec 3: Chicken fajita rice bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Dec 4: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Dec 5: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic stick Friday, Dec 6: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 2: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle Tuesday, Dec 3: Chicken fajita rice

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bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Dec 4: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Dec 5: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic stick Friday. Dec 6: Munchie Mania Basket: Crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

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Monday, Dec 2: Hamburger OR cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Dec 3: Chicken fajita rice bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

Wednesday, Dec 4: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

Thursday, Dec 5: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic stick Friday, Dec 6: Stuffed crust pizza. garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 2: Hamburger OR cheeseburger. BBQ baked beans. oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle Tuesday, Dec 3: Chicken fajita rice

bowl, taco toppings bar, black bean

Thursday, Dec 5: Spaghetti w/meat

sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic stick

Friday, Dec 6: Stuffed crust pizza,

garden salad, assorted salad

dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Tuesday, Dec 3: Macaroni &

mein & chop suey veggies

bacon ranch flat bread

cheese or buffalo mac & cheese

Thursday, Dec 5: BBQ chicken

Friday, Dec 6: Assorted pizza

Wednesday. Dec 4: Chicken chow

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Monday, Dec 2: Build your own

beef taco's, salsa, lettuce, tomato,

corn & black beans in a taco shell

Wednesday, Dec 4: Bulldog

patty, orange smiles

breakfast sandwich, hashbrown



Happy Thanksgiving





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state representatives, and 5 different presidents. Finally, in October of 1863, Pres. Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. He hoped that it would bring comfort to a nation divided by the Civil War.

The date for Thanksgiving moved around with Pres. Franklin Roosevelt changing it to the 3rd Thursday of November during the Depression and Congress in 1941, placing it on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Back to early New England, days of thanksgiving were declared locally



for a good crop or the end of a drought and were long days spent praying in church. However, it is surprising that in the Rochester Journals that contain the memories of many residents who grew up in the 30's, 40's, and 50's, there is almost nothing written about the holiday which had been in place for 70 or more years.

In the 4th version of the Rochester Journals, there are two mentions of Thanksgiving. The first is one entrant's memory that the only school holidays were Christmas and Thanksgiving. The second was written on November 21, 1879, by



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Little Brandt Beach red squirrel keeps the bird feeder empty. By Marcia Parker.

Open and Affirming status for Mattapoisett Congregational Church is granted by unanimous vote. "All are truly welcome here." Photo by Jen Shepley.



Saturday's sunset at Barstow Wharf. Photo by Mary K. Cabral.



(Left) Kevin and Melinda Eaton at the Falkirk Wheel. Falkirk, Scotland, October 2024.

(Right) 5-yearold Payson Langlois of Mattapoisett at Trunk Bay in St. John with his copy of The Wanderer. Voted #1 beach in the world in 2024.



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Roxanna Rounseville, mother of Frank Rounseville. It is among the letters that she wrote to her son while he was on a whaling voyage. In her first letter she explains that she would keep "a sort of journal for you, and in that way, I shall keep you posted in all the great events that may happen in our little town." She knew that getting letters to a crew member on a whale ship was an iffy business at best.

Back to November 21, 1879, she writes, "Thanksgiving Day- I would like to know what my Boy had for his dinner today. Something good, I hope". She goes on to say, "You remember that Thanksgiving is the great hunting day for all the mill hands and Arthur went up to Ben's last night to borrow your gun". Apparently, both Arthur and his friend, Job Gifford, had a "grand time planned."

It, however, was not meant to be, as a letter requesting a last- minute order for boxboards arrived and hunting had to be replaced by work at the Rounseville Sawmill. One wonders whether anyone enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner. So, whether you're eating or



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try to be patient as a troubling matter at work is dealt with a step at a time. Progress toward a resolution might seem slow, but it's sure and steady.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to let misplaced loyalty to a friend cloud your usually good judgment. Be true to your principles -- they won't ever let you down. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A seeming inability to make a decision can sometimes work to your advantage. Use the time to reassess the situation, then act on the facts you uncover.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Good news! A personal matter you thought would never improve suddenly takes on a more positive aspect. Things brighten up at your workplace as well.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't huddle alone in your den to nurse those hurt feelings. Instead, get out and enjoy the company of family and friends. Remember, lions thrive in a pride!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An old health problem recurs, but quick attention soon puts everything right. Meanwhile, plans for the upcoming holidays might need to be changed. Stay flexible!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A project you started earlier this year begins to be noticed by the "right people." Expect to get some heartening news by year's end! SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's relationship repair time for both single and married Scorpions. Patch up the weak spots and renew your commitment to your partner or spouse.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Love and marriage aspects are strong for both paired and single Archers. The latter can expect romantic overtures from a loving Leo. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Expect news about a business deal you weren't sure about. In your personal life, a dispute with your spouse or partner is soon cleared up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You have a tendency to overdo it, especially at this time of the year. Ease up on those grand plans for the holidays and take more time for yourself.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone from your romantic past might want to renew your old relationship. While this might be what you were hoping for, weigh your decision carefully.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of truth and duty. You love to learn, and you love to teach. You make friends slowly, but your friendships last.

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hunting, Happy Thanksgiving from the Rochester Historical Society.

Scanography

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library to see Donna St Amant's astonishing photography exhibit, called "Scanography," from **December 1** to **December 31**. Using a very unique process, Ms St Amant captures nature's treasures on a flatbed scanner.

Donna's love of capturing images began in the early '80s with black and white film and her own darkroom where she marveled at the development process. When the digital era began, replacing film and supplies became more difficult to find, and she stepped away as the extensive time on the computer required in that new format was too close to how she spent most of her workday as an engineer. She sought out more tangible ways to express herself and found working with metal, flame, and hammer as a metalsmith gave her the perfect balance.

Now in retirement, she has rekindled her love of photography. St Amant captures the close-up detail and beauty of flowers, worn beached objects, and elements of nature on a high-resolution flatbed scanner in a process often called "Scanography." Once used to digitize her photographic negatives, the scanner is now her 'studio camera' and the fine detail it captures never ceases to amaze her. Whether a single bloom or a 'medley' of treasures, the objects are placed directly on the scanner glass with the cover left open building depth and layers from foreground to background. Using a preview feature, St Amant can see the image as it will be recorded and can rearrange elements until it is just what she had imagined.

To St Amant, this process feels somewhat like organizing a group portrait. She places the individuals near one another in a pleasing and cohesive composition, intertwines outreaching elements to project a feeling of connection, and then captures the moment.

Overall, she says "it's all about passion, the joy of creating ... and the continuous quest to learn and grow."

St. Gabriel's Christmas Fair

Join us for a festive day of holiday cheer at our annual Christmas Fair on Sunday, **December 8** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion inside the Parish Hall at 124 Front Street. This year, our fair coincides with the beloved Marion Stroll, making it the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the holiday spirit.

Make a day of it. Start your morning at our fair, where you can browse a wonderful selection of handmade gifts including wreaths, home decor, seashell art, crocheted items, ornaments, hair bows, framed resin art, felt soap, wampum jewelry, note cards, pottery, and

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To our residents: Lead Service and Discolored Water Information

A lot of you have recently received letters regarding your home service line, our department is required by D.E.P. to inventory the homeowner side of the water service. Which means from the town valve at the property line to the inside valve at your meter connection. (Please follow the instructions within the letter or call the number provided to have a free home evaluation) This is to evaluate if your service is copper, iron or other substance. Some iron services were connected to what was called a lead goose neck connection at the water main by evaluating your service and reviewing our service upgrades, our department will be able to review if our service to your home may need an upgrade or if you may need to consider the replacement of your side of the service. (PLEASE NOTE LEAD LEVELS IN THE TOWNS DRINKING WATER ARE WELL BELOW THE MASS D.E.P. REQUIRMENTS)

IRON AND MANGANESE,

The Town system has experienced some concerning dis-colored water in some areas of our community. Part of this is caused by aging infrastructure, (**Please note the picture below of a piece of old cast iron watermain**)



Old cast iron Pipe

The second part of the problem is due to Iron and Manganese, which is a mineral commonly found in drinking water throughout New England.

We are currently working with our engineers to upgrade our Water Treatment Filtration System. The MRVWD (**Mattapoisett River Valley Water District**) have been working for over 3 yrs to obtain borrowing to upgrade the Treatment facility, all borrowing is currently in place with filters schedule for delivery by the end of this year.

The next step in the process will be installation of the new filters which will start in the beginning of 2025 with a tentative completion of late spring 2025. During this installation process our department will be conducting uni-directional flushing of the water system beginning late

March through the month of April to help remove existing Iron and manganese within the Towns water system.

The Town water system continues to meet the D.E.P. guidelines for iron and manganese. (Please note the Table below). These results are presented to our customers on a yearly basis through our C.C.R. (Consumer Confidence Report)

Unregulated or Secondary	Average	Highest Result	SMCL Or ORG	EPA Health Advisory	Possible Sources
Manganese (ppb)	26-70	70	50	300	Use of water containing manganese at concentrations above the Secondary MCL may results in aesthetic issues including the staining of laundry and plumbing fixtures and water with an unpleasant bitter metallic taste, odor and/or black/brown water.

The Town of Mattapoisett works continually to upgrade our water system. The following is a list of completed upgrades since 2016 of old cast iron piping within the community.

Mechanic St., Barstow St., Cannon St., Pearl St. and Oakland St. which was just completed fall of this year. We also have Baptist St. scheduled for replacement the Late Spring of 2025.

Some residents who live on older mains in other areas of Town may wonder why the center seems to be getting most of the work done. The center of Town, after reviewing our records, had many lead goosenecks to the old iron service lines. Although our lead samples are very low, we felt that the removal of these connections was a priority for our residents and their families.

The Mattapoisett Water Dept. will continue to work on upgrading our system to help provide quality drinking water for our residents for any question or concerns contact us at 508-758-4161. (Please call the Matt. Police business phone 508-758-4141 for any after hour emergencies including weekends so that our on-call staff may respond)

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Sincerely

Henri Renauld Water & Sewer Superintendent LEGAL NOTICES

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Form 299

Date: September 27, 2024

Attorney General's Notice

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32

Town of Rochester -- Case No. 11532 Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 2024 Articles # 17, 18, 19, and 20

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is <u>conditionally</u> authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Articles failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the executive office of housing and livable communities, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town....In cases involving boundary, density or use changes within a district, notice shall be sent to any such nonresident property owner who has filed such a request with the city or town clerk and whose property lies in the district where the change is sought.

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defects: (1) the planning board hearing notice was first published on April 11, 2024 for a hearing on April 23, 2024. This publishing was only twelve days prior to the hearing, not fourteen days as required by G.L. c. 40A, 5; and (2) the planning board hearing notice was posted in the Town Hall on April 10, 2024 for a hearing on April 23, 2024. This posting was only thirteen days prior to the hearing, not fourteen days as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. For these reasons, the 90-day period prescribed for the Attorney General's review of Article 24 is suspended in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32.

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so much more. Perfect for your loved ones. Indulge in delicious treats, featuring warm drinks, sweet snacks, and more to satisfy your holiday cravings. Enjoy festive tunes that will keep you in the holiday mood as you explore everything our fair has to offer. Plus, don't miss your chance to win exciting prizes in our raffle, featuring several fantastic items.

Bring your friends and family along for a day filled with joy, laughter, and community spirit. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you.

All proceeds will benefit St. Gabriel's Parish Initiatives. For more information about the Christmas Fair, please contact us at 508-748-1507 or stgabrielsmarion@ gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Peter Pan at the MAC

The MAC Theater is pleased to present J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, adapted by Craig Sodaro. Kate Fishman directs this very special limited presentation. Show dates are December 6, 7,13,14 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, **December 15**, at 2:00 pm. All performances are in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

This superb adaptation captures all the magic and charm of everyone's favorite story. The Darling children love to hear of Peter Pan's adventures during his visits through the open window of the nursery. Then one night after Nana has taken his shadow and Wendy has sewn



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Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Rochester Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Rochester.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Rochester, any <u>resident</u> of the Town of Rochester, or the <u>owner</u> of any real property in the Town of Rochester or any <u>other party</u> entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be <u>actually on file</u> with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: By <u>not</u> filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

Date: September 27, 2024

Very truly yours,

ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL ATTORNEY GENERAL

Nicole B. Caprioli

By: Nicole B. Caprioli Assistant Attorney General Municipal Law Unit 10 Mechanic Street, Suite 301 Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 792-7600 ext. 4418

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it back on, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell whisk the children off to Neverland to be part of the adventures. Wendy, John, and Michael become friends with the Lost Boys and Princess Tiger Lily, and Wendy becomes everyone's mother. When the evil Captain Hook captures Wendy and the Lost Boys, Peter Pan comes to their rescue. Together with the ticking crocodile, Peter Pan puts Captain Hook in his place and returns the Darling children to their home.

The cast includes Libby Achilles, Aubrey Arsenault-Sousa, Kourtney Bartlett, Zoe Callina, Eliza Conley, Penny Conley, Natalie Dai, Charlotte DaRosa, Elizabeth DaRosa, Ann-Marie Foley, Celia Gonet, Amina Goodman, Sophia Goodman, Michaela Healy, Abigail Jacques, Lirin Loranger, Ryan Medeiros, Kaiya Morse,



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Tickets, just \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers, can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/ events. The MAC is also a participant in Mass Cultural Council's card to culture program. Learn more on the online ticket page.

Holiday Book Sale and Gift Basket Raffle

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library are sponsoring their Annual Holiday Book Sale and Gift Basket Raffle. The book sale runs from **December 1 to the 22** during library hours. The sale includes Books, Puzzles, Games, Dvds and Library t-shirts.

The Gift Basket Raffle runs **December 1** to **15** with winners announced on **December 15** in time for holiday gift giving. There is a wonderful selection including a Chocolate basket, a Kids baking basket, a Kid's Art basket, a Gardening basket, a Birding basket and many more. Raffle Tickets are for sale at the library.

The Holiday sale will feature an Open House weekend on Saturday, **December 7** & Sunday, **December** 8 with refreshments and giveaways for kids. This coincides with the annual Christmas stroll, Garden Club and other community events happening.

Be sure to stop by the Elizabeth Taber Library at 8 Spring Street, Marion during library hours. (Elizabethtaberlibrary.org for hours)

MWC Holiday Greens Sale

The Fifth Annual Mattapoisett Woman's Club Holiday Greens Sale will be held on Saturday, **December** 7 in Ying's parking lot on route 6 at 22 County Road in Mattapoisett, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, or until items are sold out. Please note, in past years, all items have sold out in a couple of hours or less.

This year's sale will feature decorated fresh wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and 2024 Christmas ornaments, all beautifully handcrafted by the talented women of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. Bundled evergreens and holly branches will also be available for purchase. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

We look forward to seeing you on December 7 and sharing our creations and festive cheer with you. In case of inclement weather, the rain date will be December 8. Proceeds from the Holiday Greens Sale and all our fundraisers directly support the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Scholarship Fund and other community endeavors.

Harmonies of Pear and Home

The Harmonies of Pear and Home Concert will be presented at Tabor Academy on Sunday **December 15**



at 7:00 pm. This special concert is a collaboration between the South Coast Children's Chorus, and the choruses of Tabor Academy.

Harmonies of Peace and Home is a heartfelt choral project celebrating themes of peace, unity, and the essence of home. This concert will feature a wide range of selections from various cultures and time periods, showcasing the universal longing for connection and belonging. The performance brings together the South Coast Children's Chorus (SCCC), including its Advanced and Preparatory Choruses, alongside Tabor Academy's select ensemble the Madrigals. The concert will conclude in a rousing sing along where festive audience participation is encouraged.

Harmonies of Peace and Home is open to the public and free of charge on Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm at Tabor Academy Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring Street, Marion.

The mission of the South Coast Children's Chorus is to provide a joyful, educational choral experience for young singers, helping them to develop responsibility, confidence, musicianship, and a passion for excellence in all they do. The SCCC core values are Service, Culture, Confidence & Community. SCCC singers are from many communities throughout the South Coast of Massachusetts including: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham and international destinations through the Tabor Academy partnership. Under the direction of Dr. Tianxu Zhou, SCCC performs throughout the South Coast



TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application in the Residential/Agricultural District, Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed, Scenic Highway and Groundwater Protection District, filed by Eversource Energy, for the property located at Substation #745, 214 Rounseville Road, identified on Assessor's Map 32, Lot 28A.

The applicant is proposing upgrades to the Rochester substation necessary to interconnect distributed generation facilities.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028204723 Meeting ID: 860 2820 4723 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 11/21, 11/28

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTIXE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1218

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of DIV HDV Rochester, LLC, c/o Highland Development Ventures, for property located at 0 County Road, identified on Assessor's, Map 17, Lot 41.C7, who is seeking a Special Permit to erect six (6) total signs on the property including a one-sided ground sign, two (2) wall mounted signs, and three (3) directional signs, pursuant to Chapter 20.60, Section E.1. and Chapter 22.60, Section E.8., of the Rochester Zoning

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By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, December 12th, 2024, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. David Arancio, Chairman 11/21, 11/28

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD/BOARD OF ASSESSORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Select Board, along with the Board of Assessors, will conduct a public hearing on December 3, 2024, at 6:45 pm, in the conference room at the Town Hall, and on Zoom Meeting ID: 829 7067 9332 Passcode: 467691 for the purpose of allocating the local property tax levy among the five property classes for the Fiscal Year 2025. Interested taxpayers may present oral or written comments on their views at that time. 11/21, 11/28

TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #823

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Donald and Pamela Moore Simi, represented by David M. Davignon, P.E., for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1 A., and 230-6.1 C. of the zoning by-law to allow the removal and reconstruction of a portion of a single-family dwelling consisting of a one stall garage, which will decrease the current non-conformity but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3. The property, located at 56 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 14. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 11/21, 11/28

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TOWN OF MARION

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #824

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Laura Hartford, for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1 (E) (2) of the zoning by-law to allow the demolition and reconstruction of an existing detached guest cottage; and under section 230-5.1(K) of the zoning by-law to place a 10x15' utility shed in the rear right corner of the property.

The property, located at 70 Water Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 135c.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 11/21, 11/28

TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Stephen Cobb, 324 High Street, Rochester, MA 02770, for the construction of a 16'x 24' shed partially within the 100-foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetlands Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85766047134 Meeting ID: 857 6604 7134 Christopher Gerrior, Chairperson 11/28

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William's Fund

This is an appeal to the community on behalf of our students. My name is Sheilah Sullivan. I've lived in Marion for over 30 years, raised my two kids here, and had the remarkable privilege of teaching at Old Rochester Regional High School for 25 years.

Teachers, counselors, and school staff often have a unique perspective into the lives of our young people. It's not uncommon for us to develop insights into the unmet needs outside of the school day that impact our students' abilities to thrive inside the school building.

In 2010, my family and I established a non-profit for the sole purpose of providing emergency financial assistance for students and families at ORRHS and ORRJHS. It's called "William's Fund" after my father.

Confidential referrals for assistance are made by the school social workers. The district does not benefit financially in any way.

William's Fund provides assistance for hardships that arise unexpectedly and impact a student's wellbeing — oil deliveries and utility bills, gift cards for groceries and clothing, bedding and supplies for emergency camping or short-term housing, etc.

Last year alone, we distributed almost \$30,000 in emergency assistance.

To-date, we've been able to rely on word of mouth for support from individual community members like you. But at this time, our fund is nearly depleted, and we are turning to the wider community for help.

Will you consider making a tax-deductible donation to help our students have the resources they need to thrive in school? We are 100% volunteer-run. That means 100% of your donation goes directly to students and their families.

If you'd like more specifics about the fund, please email me at shesullivan@gmail.com. To make a secure online donation, visit www.orrwilliamsfund.org. To make a donation, via check, please make it out to William's Fund, Inc. and mail to Sheilah Sullivan 39 Lewis Street, Marion, MA 02738.

A letter with necessary information for taxdeductible donations is provided.

Thank you so much for your help supporting the young people we care so deeply about. And a big thank you to the teachers and staff at ORR/ORRJHS for their work.

Christmas on Church Street

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's annual

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

PRIVATE ROADS THAT NEED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION PRIOR TO SNOW PLOWING FOR THE 2024/2025 SEASON.

Brush and tree grooming is the responsibility of the Property Owners of that Private Road. Trees & brush must be cut back 2 feet from the edge of the road and 12 feet in height to provide clearance for plows and emergency vehicles. <u>Private Roads that need trees and brush Trimmed:</u>

Pine St near Bayview (limbs trimmed near Bayview), Oliver St North (large Oak tree) The Mattapoisett Highway Department does not provide trimming services to Private Roads.

Cost of	Private Roads Need Grading	Cost of
Material	-	Material
\$40	Seamarsh Way & Shore St	\$20
\$20	Starboard Way	\$60
\$20	Shoreview Ave	\$225
\$20	Ocean Dr - South	\$100
\$30	Shore Ave (MS)	\$225
\$20	Meadowbrook Ln	\$225
	Noyes Ave & Dyer Rd	\$60
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TOWN OF MARION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for construction the Point Road Sewer Force Main and Gravity Main Repairs for the Town of Marion, Massachusetts, will be received at the Town Hall, Town Administration Office, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 until 2:00 pm prevailing time, on December 11th, 2024, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work includes the replacement of approximately 1,000-ft of 4-in diameter force main (from the Point Road Pump Station to the manhole near the intersection of Point Road and Barros Drive), abandonment and filling of the lower level of the Point Road Pump Station valve vault, gravity sewer repairs from SMH C-6-234 to C-6-235(a length of approximately 250 feet will be removed and replaced), replacement of SMH C-6-385, and an alternative scope of work which includes installation of 315-ft of cured in place sewer lining from SMH C-6-236 to C-6-237.

Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the bid, in accordance with Section 00 21 13, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

The Instructions to Bidders, Form of General Bid, Agreement, Plans, Specifications, Performance and Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following: Accent Printing, Inc., 99 Chelmsford Road, North Billerica, Massachusetts

Contract Documents may be viewed and downloaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file free of charge at www.accentblueprints. com. Copies may be obtained for a fee by completing an order online or by calling 978-362-8038 for each set. Completed orders may be picked up at the office of Accent Printing located at 99 Chelmsford Road, North Billerica, MA 01862 (978-362-8038), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Copies may also be shipped to prospective bidders for an additional charge to cover handling and mailing fees. All payments for printing and shipping are nonrefundable. For addition to the project plan holder's list to guarantee receipt of addenda, it is recommended interested bidders obtain the Contract Documents directly from Accent. Interested bidders will be prompted to register an email address with Accent to access the documents.

The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount

at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00 72 00 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Thomas Holt.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information

The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and to perform associated site work.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones AE (El. 15) and VE (El. 17& 20) and a portion of the land clearing will occur within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Salt Marsh and 200 ft. Riverfront Boundary.

The property is located at 39 Mattapoisett Neck Road which is further identified as Lot #142 on Assessors Map #11. 11/28



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Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, **December 7** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall at 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. This year's event will include homemade frozen foods, baked treats, hand knitted and crafted items, Christmas/holiday decorations, gift items, greenery for wreaths as well as jewelry, a kids' table and a delicious hot soup luncheon. All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. For additional information, please contact the church office at 508-758-2671 or mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

Calling All Ladies

You are cordially invited to join us for a "White Christmas" Ladies Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester, on **December 7** from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Come and celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World. Please RSVP by December 1 (text or call) to Marcia at 508-264-2217.

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Named, "The Church Mouse," the shop and its volunteers hope you will take a ride to our country church, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, and browse our Christmas room, "art gallery," kitchen items, clothing, and children's corner.

The shop is located at 282 Vaughan Hill Rd. Rochester and is open on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Donations of your new and gently loved clothing, small household and kitchen items, books, games, and children's items are gladly accepted during shop hours only please.

We do not accept electronics, broken items, torn or stained clothes, or bulky or large furniture items. Donations are accepted during shop hours only, please.

FCCM Annual Holiday Luncheon

The First Congregational Church of Marion is excited to bring back their Annual Holiday Luncheon to coincide with the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. The luncheon takes place on Saturday, **December 7** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. With a price of \$15 per ticket, this event promises to be a delightful stop during the House Tour or an opportunity to enjoy some holiday cheer.

The luncheon features our famous Hot Chicken Salad or Pasta e Fagioli (including a vegan/gluten free soup option), along with mixed greens, brownie sundae, and assorted breads and beverages. The cost of the luncheon is \$15. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store or the church office and will also be available at the door on the day of the event.



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Before or after lunch, stop by the Cookie Sale to purchase delicious holiday cookies made by some of the best bakers of the church. These cookies will be offered in beautifully decorated boxes and will make a perfect host or hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in.

The Holiday Luncheon will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. This building, equipped with a stairlift, is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Parking is available at the back right of the lot, plus there is additional parking at Island Wharf.

Come, bring your friends, and enjoy.

SCCMS Presents Trio Trio

South Coast Chamber Music Series (SCCMS) presents Trio Trio on Saturday, **November 30** in Marion and Sunday, **December 1** in South Dartmouth. The musicians for this concert are Nicholas Brown (clarinet), Jesse Holstein (violin), Leo Eguchi (cello), and Janice Weber (piano).

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This season the concerts have a new start time: Saturday concerts will take place at 3:00 pm, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion, and Sunday concerts will take place at 3:00 pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth. Individual concert tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available online at zeiterion.org or by calling the NBSO office: 508-999-6276 ext. 222.

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Coastline Elderly Services is asking adults aged 60 and older and their caregivers to complete a needs assessment survey to help the agency and state elder services identify and support the current needs of aging populations.

Surveys have been mailed to a selection of older adults living within Coastline's service area. An online version is also available on Coastline's website at www. coastlinenb.org and printed versions can be obtained at local councils on aging.

Surveys are conducted every three years to better understand the needs of older adults and to develop plans to meet those needs. Every voice counts. If you are an older adult in this age group, please share your concerns in this approximately 10-minute survey.

Survey results are also used to develop an Area Plan on Aging. The purpose of this document is to ensure that Coastline is able to develop approaches that may help to alleviate the concerns identified in the needs data.

The latest survey, conducted in 2021 as the pandemic isolated many people, identified digital skills as its top need including assistance using email, the internet,



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apps, and digital technology. Other highly ranked needs included programs to help people stay active and well, and funding assistance for home repairs.

For more information on the current survey process, visit www.coastlinenb.org/needsassessment-2024/ Coastline serves the communities of New Bedford, Acushnet, Cuttyhunk, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

Visual Voices

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library to see selected works by our talented ORR students. The exhibition "Visual Voices: A Sampling of Student Artwork from ORRHS" showcases the vibrant imagination of Old Rochester Regional High School students. It will run through **November 30**. The show features a diverse range of artwork, including ceramic sculptures and 2D imagery that highlights the skills fostered in ORRHS's art program.

"Visual Voices" celebrates student achievement and seeks to inspire creativity in the broader community. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the artistic expressions of ORRHS students.

Marion Vaccination Information

The Marion Board of Health would like to let residents know that they still have flu and COVID-19 vaccines available.

If you are in need of in-home vaccination appointments, these are administered through the Marion Community EMS Program.



Please contact Maureen at the Board of Health at 508-748-3530 then press #1 if you are interested in scheduling an appointment for a vaccination.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's steeple is lit nightly and is a beacon of welcome and comfort to all. The Beacon of Light was started as a way to celebrate and honor loved ones or special occasions. If you would like the steeple to be lit in remembrance of, in celebration of, or in honor of a loved one or blessed event, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email mattcongchurch@gmail.com for more information. We welcome and encourage multiple entries each month. This is a special way to celebrate our beautiful steeple, as a Beacon of Light in Mattapoisett, and to financially support our church. Thank you for your donation.

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		Saturday	December 14	6:39	7:03		1:08
		Sunday	December 15	7:30	7:54	12:25	1:59
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I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark* In the November 21, 2024 edition the Aardvark was on page 3



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		EFFECTIVE:
Friends'		Thursday, December 5th, 2024
THEIUS -	565 Rounseville Road	• Rochester, MA 02770
marketplace		08.763.5333
at PLUMB CORNER	Open Dai	ly: 7am-8pm
GROGERY, DA	IRY & FROZEN	MEAT, DE4,
Kellogg's	Food Club 8 oz.	PREPAREDFOODS
8.9-12 oz. Froot Loops or Frosted Flakes	Glated Faillesall Cheese	& CHEESE
Cereal	Newman's Own 16 oz. Selected Variety \$249	Fresh
\$399	Saisa	Pork Tenderloins
	Mott's 23-24 oz. Selected Variety Applesauce	\$/199
	Bumble Bee	- m
Honey Bunches	5 oz. Selected Variety Solid White Albacore Tuna 2/\$3	
12 oz. Selected Variety	Ah-So 15 oz.	
Cereal		Deli Sliced Store Roasted
5399 HONEY ROASTED	King Arthur 24 oz. Gluten Free Flour	Roast Beef
TRE CON	Food Should Taste Good!	\$1549
	5.5 oz. Selected Variety Tortilla Chips	- A Call
Kraft 7.25 oz. Original	Cheez-It 12.4 oz. Original	
Mac & Cheese		Kayem
2/\$3	PREMIUM Crackers	12 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety, Sliced Scagg
	Blue Diamond	Small Batch Bacon
	Almonds	Reser's Main St. Bistro 20 oz. Pkg. \$749
WINE		20 oz. Pkg. Macaroni & Cheese
	GHEFPREPARED	Boar's Head
Bottega Vinaia Reg \$15.99 750 ml - Italy \$100	Spicy Peanut Noodles	London Broil Roast Beef\$ 159
Pinot Grigio\$1399	Mexican Lasagna\$1299	Boar's Head \$1099
Cantina Zaccagnini Reg \$18.99 750 ml - Italy \$15.99		Imported Swiss Cheese * IU "in
Montepulciano D'abruzzo \$1599	Game Day Wings\$1099	Boar's Head 8 oz. Pkg. \$799
BAKERY	Deviled Eggs 4 ct	Gruyere Cheese
4·4.5 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety	Various Styles! Cheese, Pepperoni, etc.	Store Made \$1019
Our Specialty Treat Shop \$799	Take & Bake Pizzas\$899-\$1099	
Parfaits	Homemade Small Large	6 oz. Pkg. \$599 Blueberry Crisp
12 oz. Pkg. Superior on Main	Savory Pies to Go! \$1299 \$1999 Chicken Pot Pie. \$1299 \$1999	President
Brownies\$499	Shepherd's Pie \$1299 \$1899	8 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety \$699 Pub Cheese
SEE OTHER SID	E FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVIN	GS THIS WEEK!

