

Holiday Event Guide for Fairhaven

Lighting of Benoit Square

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

Benoit Square, Main & Adams Streets

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

Christmas Concert

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

Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main Street

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

Second Annual Holiday Fine Craft Fair

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

Art on Center, 15 Center Street

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

Historical House Tour

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

Starts at Fairhaven Academy Building, 141 Main Street

The Fairhaven Historical Society presents a tour of six historical houses and four other buildings of interest. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at the Millicent Library or the Euro/Phoenix store. On the day of the tour, tickets are

\$25 and available at the Academy Building where the tour brochure will be handed out.

DECEMBER 12, OLD-TIME HOLIDAY EVENTS:

Millicent Library Chairs and Crafts

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

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

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

Fairhaven Town Hall Shops

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

Town Hall, 40 Center St.

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

The Brick Church Fair & Luncheon

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

First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street

The church will be alive with activity. Craft Vendors, Baked Goods, Cookies, Home Cooking, Vermont Cheddar Cheese, Chance Auction, Silent Auction, Coffee Shop and much more. The

"Heavenly Treasures," second-hand shop will be open all day. Lobster roll luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. until sold out. Chowder and hotdogs will also be available. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 508-993-3368 or email firstcongfairhaven@gmail.com.

Cookies & Hot Chocolate at Our Lady's Haven

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

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

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St.

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

Unitarian Church Holiday Marketplace & Sanctuary Tours

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

Unitarian Memorial Church parish house, 102 Green St.

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

Holiday Ornament Crafting

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

Art on Center, 15 Center St.

Celebrate the season with family and friends during Fairhaven's Old-Time Holiday Weekend. Art on Center will be hosting an ornament crafting event at a cost of \$2 to \$5 per ornament. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Art on Center is fully handicapped accessible with ample off street

parking. For more information, call 774-206-1709, email info@artoncenter.org, or visit www.artoncenter.org.

Holiday Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

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

Harrop Center of Unitarian Memorial Church, 47 Center St.

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

Lobster Roll Luncheon

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

First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center St.

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

Town Hall Sing-Along

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

Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven

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

Service of Lessons and Carols

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

Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St.

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

JANUARY

Fort Phoenix Polar Plunge

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

Fort Phoenix State Beach and Reservation

South end of Green St., Fairhaven, MA

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