

by Marie Palmer, Service Coordinator



Happy Holidays

By Wally Durant, Rose Morin Apartments

*Well - It's that time again
Winter is upon us
So are the days of hurrying,
Worrying, shopping; everyone does.*

*Youngsters, overjoyed with anticipation
Elders hoping everything's right
Last minute decisions-
Elated, the end is in sight.*

*Festivities abounding all around
Holiday meals - fit for a King-
Re-uniting with friends and family
This, the Holidays bring.*

*With the merriment now behind us
Looking forward to next year -
Good wishes rendered to all
Shouts of Happy New Year we hear.*

*For most of us seniors
We have seen it all -
So on New Year's Eve
We'll all be watching for the ball.*



Upcoming Local Events

Holiday Carol Sing at Historic Nobska Lighthouse

Friday, December 01, 2017 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Nobska Lighthouse , Woods Hole, MA

Warm your heart and get ready for a fun evening by caroling with neighbors and the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce staff at Historic Nobska Lighthouse. Join the carolers as they lead us in a festive seasonal sing-along of familiar holiday classics. Enjoy the nighttime vista of Vineyard Sound with hot chocolate and treats! Remember to dress warmly!

Holiday Toy Drive

Falmouth Service Center

December 1st through December 12th

Toys are needed for the Falmouth Service Center holiday toy drive! Falmouth Service Center staff will be accepting new toys at their warehouse until Tuesday, December 12th.

Falmouth in Focus

Falmouth Cable Television (FCTV) airs this month on Friday December 1st and 15th on channel 13 at 8 PM. Be sure to tune in to this informational program featuring stories of local people, places and events.

Eight Cousins Bookstore – 2017 Giving Tree

Each year the Eight Cousins Bookstore raises a Beautiful Giving Tree with the names and ages of local children who could benefit from, and most definitely would appreciate, a new book for the holidays. Stop in and choose a child's name off the Giving Tree and pick out an age appropriate book just for them!

'Coffee with a Cop'

Saturday, December 2nd from 8 AM to 10 AM at Starbucks, Davis Straits in Falmouth

Meet local officers and discuss community issues.

'Coffee with a cop' provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Falmouth's neighborhoods.

Holiday Book Sale at Falmouth Public Library

Saturday, December 02 - Tuesday, December 05, at the Falmouth Public Library

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library will hold their annual Holiday Book Sale December 2, 3, 4, and 5th. The sale will take place in the Hermann Foundation Meeting Room in the main library's lower level. For sale will be high-quality used books, suitable for gift giving, in categories including children's books, gardening, cookbooks, recent fiction, history, art, music, and more.

Quality DVDs will also be included in the sale.

6th Annual Jingle Jog 5K and Kids Elf Run

Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Marine Park on Scranton Ave

Come watch the festive community of runners, wearing their wildest holiday outfits, run the 5K course starting at Marine Park at the Falmouth Harbor and ending at the Road Race finish line in front of the British Beer Company.

The First Congregational Church of Falmouth on the Village Green Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 02, 2017 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

First Congregational Church of Falmouth

Main Street, Falmouth

An old-fashioned New England Fair! This annual event features lovingly handmade garments and gifts for the entire family, one-of-a-kind Holiday decorations and greenery, a Country Store with goody bakery, a Children's Fair, Silent Auction with unique offerings, and a bargain basement with linens, books, jewelry & white elephants.

Holiday Stroll in the Village

Saturday, December 02, 2017 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Various Locations

Falmouth Village and Queens Buyway

Stroll down Main Street, past the beautifully lit Village Green and through Queens Buyway. Enjoy the trolley ride through the festively lit streets of Falmouth. Visit with an array of Parade Characters at the local Shops. Enjoy holiday festivities, extended shopping hours, movie, music, refreshments, and caroling while you get a head start on your holiday shopping!

Holidays by the Sea Family Night

Saturday, December 02, 2017 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Falmouth Museums on the Green

The community is invited for special evening hours during Holiday Stroll on Saturday for gingerbread house-making, and make-and-take activities with Michael's Crafts. Warm up with hot cocoa and cookies in the Cultural Center before heading over to the lighting of the Green! Admissions is Free!

Lighting of the Falmouth Village Green

Saturday, December 02, 2017 at 7:00 PM

The Falmouth Brass Choir will lead the caroling as the crowd awaits the lighting of the green. People are encouraged to bring flashlights and dress warmly. Be sure to enjoy the Main Street to Queens Buyway Stroll before and after the Lighting of the Green. There will be plenty of activities going on!

54th Annual Christmas Parade

Theme: "Dashing Through the Snow", Sunday, December 03, at 12:00 Noon
Parade steps off at noontime from Dillingham Avenue and proceeds down Main Street to the Village Green. Known as Southeastern Massachusetts' largest holiday parade, featuring theme decorated floats, marching bands, live animals, and jovial costumed characters!

Falmouth Eats Together December 7, 2017

This community meal will be held at John Wesley United Methodist Church located on Gifford Street in Falmouth. The meal is held from 4 - 6 p.m. and is free.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

BY VINCE GUARALDI

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Cotuit Center for the Arts
Since the "Peanuts" special first aired in 1965, it has become a beloved holiday classic; full of the joy of the season! One of the most recognizable jazz recordings of all time will be performed live at 6 PM on December 10 by three of the Cape's finest musicians: Malcolm Granger on piano, Rich Hill on bass, and Michael Dunford on percussion. The musicians are donating their talents for this show, and **admission is free**. CCFTA asks that attendees bring a gift card - from supermarkets only (Stop & Shop, Star Market, Shaw's, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods), with a minimum value of \$10. Gift cards will benefit Housing Assistance Corporation's Angel House, serving mothers with substance abuse issues and their children. Enjoy the music and support this wonderful cause!

**The Mel King Institute will be hosting two very informative, and free, trainings for Public Housing Authority Tenants
Mark your calendar because you may be interested!**

1.) Resident LHA Board Member Training

Franklin Housing Authority, 1000 Central Park Terrace, Franklyn MA
Saturday Jan 20th and Saturday February 3rd 2018

This free two-day training is designed specifically with Resident Board Members in mind, and helps participants handle challenges unique to this particular role. Participants also learn about the general role of the Board Member, take an in-depth look at budgets and capital improvement plans, and receive a free resource binder. Call the Public Housing Training Program Manager, Sara Byrnes, at 617-379-5984 to register.

2.) Resident Leader Training

At Urban Edge, 1542 Columbus Ave., Roxbury MA
December 4th and January 29th from 10 AM to 3 PM

This two-day training focuses on enhancing your leadership skills and learn about new State of Massachusetts regulations. It is designed for resident leaders or aspiring leaders, especially those involved with a Local Tenant Organization. Call the Public Housing Training Program Manager, Sara Byrnes, at 617-379-5984 to register.

Falmouth Housing Authority—Commissioners Board Meeting

This month's *Commissioners Board Meeting* will be held at Tataketa Apartments on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 1:00 PM. The Agenda will be posted at all properties prior to the meeting.

Parking Lot Survey

Here is a brief overview of some of the information gathered from the parking lot survey sent out to Rose Morin and Harborview Tenants.

At **Rose Morin**, 26 out of 59 tenants participated in the survey. Response to the question:

"Do you own a registered vehicle?" 21 tenants said *Yes*, and 5 said *No*.

"Have you had difficulty finding a parking space in the past six months?" 3 tenants answered *Yes*, 20 tenants answered *No*, and 3 did not answer.

"Do you believe more parking is needed at Rose Morin?" 15 tenants responded *Yes*, and 10 said *No* (of those that thought more parking should be added, seven tenants said *10 more spots*, two tenants said *20 more spots*, and one tenant said *30 more spots*.)

At **Harborview**, 26 out of 80 tenants took part in the survey. When asked:

"Do you own a registered vehicle?" 20 tenants said *Yes*, 6 said *No*.

"Have you had difficulty finding a parking space in the past six months?" 4 tenants said *Yes*, and 22 tenants said *No*.

"Do you believe more parking is needed at Harborview?" 14 tenants said *Yes*, 10 tenants said *No*, and 1 tenant thinks the parking lot should be reconfigured. (Of those that thought more parking should be added, eight tenants said *10 more spots*, six tenants said *20 more spots*, and one tenant said *thirty more spots*.)

We thank all of you who participated in this survey; the more input we have from tenants the better choices we can make. We will keep you informed as we carefully deliberate and make decisions.

Come meet with your Executive Director, Bobbi Richards

All Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at the following times:

10:00 AM - Harborview Apartments

1:00 PM - Tataketa Apartments

3:00 PM - Salt Sea

* Topics will be posted at properties prior to the meeting date.

Maintenance Corner

Our Maintenance Department is currently working on a schedule to clean the vents at Harborview Apartments. This is expected to happen during the months of December and January. A flyer will be posted as soon as the schedule is determined. Stay tuned for more information.

Joke of the Month

When the bus driver stopped to pick up little Joey for preschool, she noticed an older woman hugging him as he left the house.

"Is that your grandmother?" The bus driver asked.

"Yes," replied Joey, "She came to see us for the Holiday."

"How nice," she said "Where does your grandmother live?"

"At the airport," Joey replied. "Whenever we want her, we just go out there and get her."

Tannies

By Mary Green, Rose Morin Apartments

(A healthy and delicious brownie recipe; so easy to make!)

24 graham crackers - crumbled

6 oz. chocolate chips

½ cup wheat germ

1 tsp. vanilla

One 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk ½ cup chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 350, and lightly grease 9 inch square pan
2. Combine graham cracker crumbs, wheat germ, milk, chocolate chips, vanilla and walnuts in a large bowl and mix well.
3. Spread batter in pan. Bake for 35 minutes, cool 5 minutes, cut in squares and remove. Cool on wire racks.

Holiday Bucket List

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1. ~~Buy Presents~~
2. ~~Wrap gifts~~ *someone in a hug*
3. ~~Send gifts~~ *love*

Donate

4. ~~Shop for food~~
5. ~~Make cookies~~ *memories*

Be

6. ~~See the lights~~

