New Fairfield this week

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New Fairfield Community Calendar

Nov. 26-27: Town Hall Closed in Observance of Holiday
Dec. 1: 7:30pm, Commission on the Aging
Dec. 1: 7:30pm, Housing Opportunities Committee
Dec. 2: 7:30pm, Zoning Commission
Dec. 3: 7:00pm, Board of Education
Dec. 7: 7:00pm, Library Board
Dec. 8: 7:30pm, Permanent Building Committee
Dec. 9: 7:00pm, Candlewood Lake Authority – REMOTE
Dec. 10: 7:00pm, Board of Selectmen
For more information, updates and/or cancellations visit wwwnewfairfield.org/

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HOLIDAY KICK-OFF

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children to stop by for a sweet surprise and Froggy's will offer children hot cocoa and a yummy snack, plus piping hot coffee for adults. When you've made the circuit, head back to the library in the 3:45-4:30pm timeframe to hear holiday tunes by New Fairfield High School's (NFHS) extremely talented drumline.

At 5:15pm, the holiday light parade begins! The route starts at the Senior Center (33 Route 37) and travels to the traffic light in the center of Town, making a right turn onto Route 39, going past Town Hall, and ending at Memorial Field. Lull explained, "There are many parade entries still coming into office, the final count is usually 25 participants. The highlights are the three trucks from New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department along with other area fire trucks. We love hearing the horns honking as they go by."

Right after the parade is the Tree Lighting on Memorial Field, which is filled with delight. There will be caroling led by the NFHS Chamber Ensemble, who will sing classic holiday hits such as Carol of the Bells, Silent Night, Let It Snow, and many more. Free hot cocoa and coffee will be provided by Starbucks, and thanks go to Gil's Auto and Truck Repair for sponsoring the cocoa. When Santa joins the festivities, he will officially light the tree. Lull said it best when she encouraged everyone to come out and make a day of it by "embracing the holiday spirit happening in New Fairfield."

Beyond the November 28 extravaganza, watch for details on the Great Holiday Light Displays on the Parks & Rec page on Newfairfield.org. The popular displays will run from mid-December to just before Christmas. Residents interested in adding a display to the list should call the NF Parks & Rec office at 203-312-5633 to register.



A View From Town Hall

By Pat del Monaco
First Selectman, Town of New Fairfield

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving in America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation and harvest festivals around the globe. The Pilgrims who arrived on our shores in the early 1600s carried the tradition of Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving with them to New England. The first recorded observations of Thanksgiving occurred in Virginia and Plymouth, Massachusetts, prompted by both religious tradition and a good harvest.

Thanksgiving proclamations were made mostly by church leaders in New England up until 1682, and then by both state and church leaders until after the American Revolution. After becoming the first President of the United States, George Washington made the first Presidential Proclamation regarding Thanksgiving stating that November 26, 1789 would be observed "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God". President Franklin Roosevelt officially proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day on December 26, 1941, and President Kennedy proclaimed "Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the love which bound them together, and for the faith which united them with their God." Most of us think of this special day as a time to gather with family and friends and to reflect upon our blessings.

I have much to be thankful for and remain grateful for the opportunity to serve as your First Selectman, your continued support and your participation in our Town Meeting form of government. I am also grateful for the support and hard work of our Town employees, Board and Commission members and volunteers. From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

Holiday Boutique, Sat., Nov. 28, 10:30am

Hosted by the Friends of the NF Public Library

Get your shopping done early at our annual Holiday Boutique!

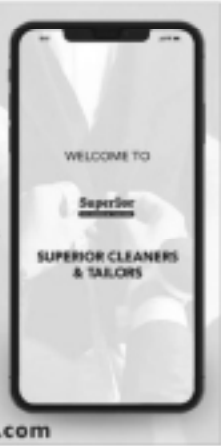
The Friends' Holiday Boutique returns to the library for a third year on Sat., November 28, from 10:30am-3:30pm. Be sure to stop by for a wide range of gifts for everyone on your list!

We will be selling beautiful, handcrafted items, as well as fun book / gift combos. Most of our gifts are $5 or less (cash, check or Zelle), so you can leave with a bundle, without spending a bundle! We will also have sweet treats for $1, to keep you energized while shopping!

Since we are no longer able to include our brochures in the publication version of the Town Tribune, please be sure to send in your donation to keep our organization active and funded. Mail a check to Friends of the New Fairfield Library at 2 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812, or donate online at https://www.friendsnflibrary.org/donate. Any assistance is greatly appreciated!

And as always, we welcome new members to help us support our library in fun and creative ways. Please feel free to join us on the second Thursday of each month. We alternate between morning and evening hours so those who work during the day can attend an evening meeting. There is no cost to join and new ideas are appreciated.

Check our website for more info about what we do at: www.friendsnflibrary.org

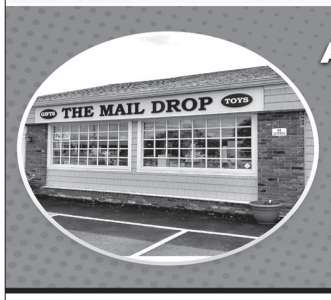
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