

LOCAL IN BRIEF

BRAINTREE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

BRAINTREE – Discarded Christmas trees will be collected only on Saturday and Jan. 14, the town has announced. The trees should be placed at the curbside by 7 a.m.

FREE ENVIRONMENTAL LECTURE SERIES SET AT SCIENCE CENTER

NORWELL – Three South Shore environmental groups are joining forces to offer a free weekly series of lectures on topics ranging from massive penguin rescue operations to an insider's look at the Duxbury oyster business. The 10-lecture series begins Jan. 18. The lectures will be held at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at the South Shore Natural Science Center on Jacobs Lane in Norwell.

The free series is being organized by the science center, the Massachusetts Audubon Society's regional headquarters and the North and South Rivers Watershed Association, and it is sponsored by the Rockland Federal Credit Union. For more information, go to www.nsrwa.org.

HANOVER LIBRARY TEEN GROUP HOLDS DRIVE FOR FOOD PANTRY

HANOVER – The John Curtis Free Library Teen Committee is sponsoring a winter food drive to benefit the Hanover Food Pantry. Donations may be dropped off any time through Jan. 31 at the library.

FREE GRIEF COUNSELING SERVICE IN DUXBURY

DUXBURY – Beacon Hospice is offering a grief support group and educational series for surviving spouses who are experiencing grief due to the death of a spouse or partner. Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from Jan. 26 through March 1 at the Duxbury Council on Aging.

This group is free and open to anyone in the community. Pre-registration is required by calling Scott A. Ciosek, M.Div., bereavement coordinator, at 508-747-7222.

FREE CONCERT AT MARSHFIELD LIBRARY

MARSHFIELD – The Ventress Memorial Library will host an eclectic and educational musical experience on Jan. 14 with a performance by The Solstice Sackbuts.

The free concert will take place at 15 Library Plaza beginning at 2 p.m. The snow date is Jan. 21.

The Solstice Sackbuts will play a variety of selections from the medieval and Renaissance eras as well as an assortment of classical, pop and jazz tunes. The sackbut is a brass instrument from the Renaissance and Baroque eras, and an ancestor of the modern trombone.

Refreshments will be served after the concert. For more information, contact librarian Chris Woods at 781-834-5535 or visit ventresslibrary.org.

NORWELL

Shovels are ready at Wildcat Hill

First of 46 homes to be built at new cluster development

By Neal Simpson
THE PATRIOT LEDGER

Crews are preparing to pour the foundations for the first of 46 homes in an unusual subdivision that will create several dozen acres of public open space by clustering homes on smaller lots.

The project, called Wildcat Hill, takes advantage of a zoning change passed in 2008 that allows developers to build homes on smaller lots in exchange for creating deed-restricted conservation space nearby. About half of the 72-acre property will be open space and public trails as the homes are built over the next three or four years.

"It's really about leaving as small a footprint as possible when you go in to do a development," said Chris DiIorio, the town planner. "Instead of using every bit of land available for everyone to have big yards, that land is converted to be used by people and the town for recreational purposes."

Boston developer A.W. Perry, which owns the property between Wildcat Lane and Route 3, proposed a traditional subdivision on the land in 2004, but then changed its plans when the new zoning was adopted.

The change allows the developer to build homes on lots as small as a half-acre, exempting them from the 1-acre minimum required of most homes in town.

It has taken years for the developer to obtain approval for the project, in part because the development is a first for Norwell and one of the town's largest housing pro-

jects in decades.

After receiving approval from the town in late 2010, crews spent last summer on the property clearing trees, building the first of three roads and installing utilities.

Crews have started the foundation of a model home that Paul Gallagher, manager of Norwell-based J.P. Gallagher Construction and Development, expects will be completed within six months. The developer has received town approval to start homes on six lots and will get the go-ahead for more after it completes a wastewater treatment facility on the site. "There's a lot of fun stuff about to happen," Gallagher said.

All homes will be single-family dwellings built in a Nantucket style. Gallagher said the developer has sales agreements for 10 homes priced at \$700,000 to \$900,000. The first family is expected to move in next summer.

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OUT FOR THE SEASON



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■ Sailboats sit stacked for the winter at the Cohasset sailing center on Cohasset Harbor.

PLYMOUTH

Plantation hosting 'Three Fires Market'

PATRIOT LEDGER STAFF

PLYMOUTH – You can gather around the hearth with farmers and local food makers at the "Three Fires Market" at Plimoth Plantation.

The market will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in the plantation's visitor center. Attendees will be able to browse tables of root crops, greens, fresh eggs, herbs, grass-fed pork and beef, breads and pies, regional cheeses and artisan chocolates. Also available will be foods made with local ingredients, plus warm foods to enjoy by the fire.

Gardener artist Louise Barteau will give a talk on native plants, and Native American drummers will perform. Attendees also will be able to shop items made by local artisans, visit the plantation's shops and dance to music by Ray Papile.

For more information, go to plymouthfarmers-market.org. Plimoth Plantation is at 137 Warren Ave.

MARSHFIELD

Boys and Girls Club names new director

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The board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield has appointed Jim Moriarty as the center's new executive director.

He served as the executive director at Ludlow's Boys and Girls Club for the past 22 years. Moriarty officially began his tenure in Marshfield on Tuesday.

"I've had my eye on the Marshfield club for a couple of years now," Moriarty said in a press release. "They are in the growth mode that the Ludlow club was in when I was hired as executive director there. I can apply that experience to Marshfield."

Work began this past summer

on a new 17,200-square-foot Boys and Girls Club on Proprietors Drive, located behind the Roche Bros. supermarket on Route 139. The new center is expected to open this spring and will replace the 3,500-square-foot club at Library Plaza.

"We had a number of highly qualified candidates, but Jim stood out as the right person for our club at this particular time," said Jim Murphy, president of the Marshfield club's board of directors.

Moriarty is the club's third executive director since the organization formed in 2001. He replaces Shaun Costa, who resigned in September.

DISTRICT COURT

PLYMOUTH

■ **Sean O'Leary**, 19, of 29 Arlene St., Hanson, was charged with breaking and entering into a building in the night for a felony, malicious destruction of property over \$250 and larceny of a firearm. The charges originated Oct. 1 in **Pembroke**. The case was continued to Feb. 22 for pretrial conference.

■ **Robert K. Davidson Jr.**, 42, of 931 Point Road, Marion, was charged with shoplifting, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (motor vehicle) and operating a motor vehicle with a

suspended license. The charges originated Dec. 6 in **Plymouth**. He was released with the promise to return to court Feb. 3 for pretrial conference.

QUINCY

■ **Joey Dorvil**, 23, of 74 Brook Road, Milton, failed to appear for an arraignment on charges of uttering a false check and forgery of a check. Judge Mark S. Coven issued an arrest warrant for the default. **Quincy** police charged Dorvil July 8 after he allegedly tried to cash a forged check at All Town Check Cashing, 34 School St., for

\$1,463. A company employee confirmed the check was a forgery, according to court records.

■ **Christopher W. Elia**, 37, of 25 Braintree Ave., Quincy failed to appear for an arraignment on a charge of larceny over \$250. Judge Mark S. Coven issued an arrest warrant for the default. **Quincy** police charged Elia Nov. 1 after the victim reported a large amount of jewelry and other items missing from a Quincy residence. The estimated value of the items was \$8,000.

MILTON

Something for everyone as town turns 350 years old

Special events to include art show, fireworks, reunions

By Lauren DiTullio
THE PATRIOT LEDGER

MILTON – The work of 25 local artists is on display at the Milton Public Library as part of the town's year-long celebration of its 350th anniversary.

The show officially opens with a reception on Jan. 21, but the work can be seen now.

The art show was organized by Beth Neville, a local artist whose background includes everything from teaching classes in her community to showing pieces in New York.

"I'm interested in history, so naturally I'm interested in Milton's history," Neville said. "My interest in art and history made me think that I wanted to be a part of the celebration."

In addition to organizing the art show, which showcases amateur painters and professional artists, Neville designed the commemorative ceramic plate for sale at Milton Town Hall. The decorative blue-and-white plate has detailed drawings of several historic sites and buildings around Milton.

Others are planning events that will carry the celebration through to next winter.

The Town of Milton's 350th Anniversary Committee was appointed by selectmen last January. After a year of fundraising and planning, the committee has created a variety of events aimed at including everyone in Milton.

"Our goal is really to celebrate the community," committee chairwoman Lynda-Lee Sheridan said. "It's so rich in history, and there's so many aspects of the community to lift up and celebrate throughout the year, so we're very excited."

Sheridan said one of the committee's goals was to plan events that would highlight both the historic traditions within the community and the vibrancy of today's population. The planned events range from a re-enactment of an "old time" baseball game to a family skating and bowling night.

During the weekend of June 8-10, there will be a Milton High School reunion for all graduates of any year.

Sheridan said the weekend will also feature a fireworks show designed by the same company that handles the display at the Hatch Shell each Independence Day.

"I think it's really exciting that there's something for everyone," Sheridan said.

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EVERY TUESDAY

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Check out our new Good Neighbor feature – every Tuesday. Know of someone making a difference in your community through volunteer work? We'd like to show off outstanding volunteers who work on the South Shore in our weekly Good Neighbor column.

If you know someone we should recognize, go to tinyurl.com/good-neighbors2011 to fill out the form.

