United Neighbors of Fall River is dedicated to supporting children and strengthening families by coordinating resources already in the community and creating activities, programs and coalitions that empower residents and build partnerships.

Week of December 16 - 22, 2021
Reading of The Polar Express
Thursday, December 16
5:00pm - 7:00pm

All Aboard!...for the reading of The Polar Express, narrated by Carl Sawejko; don’t forget your pajamas!

Reading will start at 5:45pm followed by hot cocoa and cookies (while supplies last). Santa’s workshop will also be available for children to purchase holiday gifts for family and friends (gifts start at $0.25).

Tickets are $3 per person.

Visit The Children’s Museum of Greater Fall River on Facebook for more details.

Winter Family Fun Day
Saturday, December 18
9:00am-12:00pm

The Mentor Network invites children: birth-3, siblings, and families to their first winter family event at 463 Swansea Mall Drive!

There will be games, arts & crafts, sensory activities, winter photo booth, refreshments, and community resources. Raffle tickets available for participants who bring a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry.

If interested in attending, please RSVP to amy.paulo@sevitahealth.com.

Visit the Winter Family Fun Day on Facebook for more details.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics
Saturday, December 18
Sunday, December 19

Ages 5 and up; open to the public - get your first dose, second dose, or booster! For more information go to FRVAX.com.

Saturday, December 18
Fonseca Elementary School
9:00am - 11:00am

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group
Tuesday, December 21
6:30pm-7:30pm

Meetings are held virtually by Zoom. To register, please contact Jessica Cyr at 508-567-1735 or jacyr@frfsa.org.

Grupo de Apoyo para Abuelos Criando Nietos
Thursday, December 23
6:30pm -7:30pm
Saturday, December 18
Boys and Girls Club of Fall River
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Sunday, December 19
Spencer Borden Elementary School
12:00pm - 4:00pm

Trust the facts - get the vax!

Other News

HCVP/FRHA Admissions Policy Update

FRHA has adopted a system of preferences that reflect the values, needs, and priorities of both the Authority and the local community. “Local Resident” preference shall replace “Rent Burdened” as the highest Local Preference available to HCVP applicants.

They are weighted highest to lowest in the following order:
Preference #1: Local Resident
Preference #2: Employed / Work-Exempt (non-local)
Preference #3: Refuge from Domestic Violence
Preference #4: P Disabled Families

Since each preference category is mutually exclusive, an applicant family may not claim more than one local preference.

Applicants qualifying for the same preference category shall be ordered according to the date and time of application, from oldest to newest.

FRHA does not require a minimum term of Fall River residency to qualify under this preference.
**Perish Period Poverty Pledge**

What is Period Poverty?
Having a lack of access to sanitary products due to financial constraints.

What Can You Do To End Period Poverty?
Based on the successful programs to provide condoms, we believe a new initiative, making products and education freely available to all girls in need, should be implemented to address period poverty.

Take the pledge to stand against period poverty and create effective change in our community! Make your agency "Period Friendly" - provide free tampons, pads, and cups in all employee bathrooms; donate tampons, pads, and cups to non-profits and agencies to have on hand and in their bathrooms.

[Find out more and sign The Pledge here.](#)

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**Samaritans Southcoast is Hiring a Helpline Specialist**

Samaritans Southcoast, Inc. is an emotional support and suicide prevention hotline open to all callers, 15 hours a day, 7 days a week, free to anyone who needs help.

The role of the helpline specialist is to answer the emotional support and suicide prevention hotline using Samaritans’ specialized method of befriending. Helpline specialists are caring, compassionate, and confidential listeners who fulfill Samaritans Southcoast’s mission to reduce and prevent future suicides from occurring.

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For more information contact the Fall River Housing Authority at 508-675-3457.
Read full job description here.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to: Darcy H. Lee, Executive Director, dlee@samaritanssoco.org

Send us your "happening"

Does your organization plan a neighborhood based activity? Send the details of your program or event to Kerrie Gallant at kerrie@unfr.org for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter, on our Facebook page, or in our Instagram feed.

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