

On-island holiday happenings

The holiday season officially kicks off in Jamestown this week with an array of activities to boost your spirits. Here's a quick look at some of the island's most treasured holiday events and traditions:

Saturday, Dec. 5

- The Conanicut Island Art Association will hold its annual **holiday craft show sale** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Melrose School. The show features hand-made items, including jewelry, baskets, glass, pottery, clay creations, clothing, small paintings and pens.

- Central Baptist Church will hold its annual **Christmas fair** from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- St. Matthew's Church will hold its annual **Christmas bazaar** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall.

- **Santa Claus will arrive** by lobster boat at 1 p.m. at Conanicut Marina, from which he'll travel on foot to Conanicut Marine at 20 Narragansett Ave. to visit and take photos with children.

- The Jamestown Community Band will sing and play **Christmas carols** on Narragansett Avenue, beginning at 4 p.m. The event will start at Baker's Pharmacy.

- The Jamestown Teen Center will host an **open house** from 4 to 8 p.m. All islanders are invited to check out the progress of the ceiling tile project, meet the Teen Center staff and register for programs. Refreshments will be offered by Lawn Ave. School eighth-grade students.

- The Benjamin Thomas Gallery will hold an **open house** from 5 to 8 p.m. Light snacks and drinks will be served during the town tree lighting ceremony. A 20% discount on non-commissioned pieces will be offered during the event.

- The 29th annual **town Christmas tree lighting**

will be held at East Ferry Memorial Square at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

- The Jamestown Community Band will present its annual **free Christmas concert** at 7 p.m. at the Portuguese American Citizens Club.

Saturday, Dec. 12

- The Friends of the Jamestown Philomenian Library will host a **workshop** on creating personalized tabletop **boxwood trees for the holidays** from 10 a.m. to noon. Instruction, cones, bows and supplies will be provided. A \$20 materials fee will be charged for each participant. Register by Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

- The Jamestown Community Chorus will host a **gala anniversary concert** at 7:30 p.m. at the Jamestown recreation center at 41 Canonicus Ave. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. A repeat performance is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. at the recreation center.

Sunday, Dec. 20

- The Lawn Avenue School eighth-grade class will host a **"Holiday Fun" event** for children in grades 1 through 5, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Jamestown recreation center. Cost for the event, which includes arts & crafts, gym time, quiet time and more, is \$20 per child. Proceeds will help fund the eighth-grade class trip to Washington, D.C. Contact Gaeli Greene at 824-4404 or at gaeligreene@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, Dec. 24

- The annual **Christmas pageant** on Shoreby Hill, a Jamestown tradition since 1975, will be held at 5 p.m.

