



COMMUNITY

in preparation for our December concerts."

The chorus rehearses Mondays from 7-9 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church, located at 99 Narragansett Ave., beginning Sept. 15.

"Anyone interested in learning more about the chorus is welcome to participate in our rehearsal on the 15th with no obligation to join," said Murphy. "I hope to see some new faces there!"

Newcomers do not need to audition for the chorus and do not need to know how to read music.

BJ Whitehouse, director of the chorus, said the December program, "An American Christmas," will feature several Christmas hymns by America's first major composer, William Billings. Other American composers featured in the concert include Charles Ives, Morten Lauridsen and Eric Whitacre. Also included will be many lighter numbers.

This year's holiday concerts are set for Saturday, December 13 at 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit jamestownchorus.com or follow the group's Facebook and Instagram pages.

SEPT. 11

Cross Andrews is called to investigate the groom, an infamous Gilded Age prankster. Emma and Derrick Andrews attend the Bellevue Mansion wedding hosted by Harry and Bessie, who are leasing the home for the summer. Bessie suspects that Harry, known for his practical jokes, is actually plotting to murder her and make it look like an accident, and pleads with Emma to help. Emma agrees to investigate and determine if Newport's merry prankster is just up to his old tricks, or engaged in a cold-blooded game of life or death. Maxwell is the acclaimed author of the Gilded Newport Mysteries and the Lady and Lady's Maid Mystery series. Growing up in New England and traveling to Great Britain fueled a passion for history, while a love of puzzles of all kinds drew her to the mystery genre. This event is free to attend, but registration is required. For more information, visit wakefieldbooks.com.

SEPT. 12

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides in Wickford Village

New Deal Horse & Carriage will once again offer relaxing

of Breakfast Talks and Conversations at the Castle this fall.

Akeia de Barros Gomes, the recently appointed Director of the Edward W. Kane and Martha J. Wallace Center for Black History at Newport's historic Wanton-Lyman-Hazard house, will lead a Breakfast Talk on Saturday, September 13. A light breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m., with the talk beginning at 10 a.m. Gomes will explain the mission of the Center as well as the research that led to the purchase of the house by the Newport Historical Society, and what projects are currently being undertaken.

For more information, visit smithscastle.org.

SEPT. 17

The history of surfcasting in Narragansett

South County Museum, located at 115 Strathmore St. in Narragansett, will welcome Marty Wencek of the Narragansett Pier Sportfishing Association and the Narragansett Surfcasting Fishing Club for a talk highlighting the history of surfcasting in Narragansett on Wednesday

Wakefield Village Association's RiverFire series, a beloved summer event that lights up the village with fire on the river, live music, food, vendors and family fun in Saugatucket Park, concludes September 18 with a performance from the band DudeManBro.

Each RiverFire evening transforms downtown Wakefield into a lively gathering place. Floating bonfires on the river, live local bands, food trucks, kids' activities, and curated craft vendors offer something for everyone. This family-friendly event, which is free to attend, celebrates the spirit of Wakefield, supports local businesses, and brings neighbors together in a uniquely magical setting.

For more information, visit WakefieldVillageAssociation.com.

SEPT. 19

Woven Flat Reed Reindeer Workshop

Fayerweather Craft Guild, located at 1859 Mooresfield Road in Kingston, is getting into the holiday spirit a few months early as the orga-

SORTING IT OUT

Let's talk recycling

Editor's Note: 'Sorting It Out' is a new column of The Independent Newspaper that will feature recycling and composting tips from Charlotte Canner, the Recycling Coordinator for the towns of South Kingstown and Narragansett it will appear monthly in the newspaper.

Introducing myself, I'm Charlotte Canner, the new Recycling Coordinator for the towns of South Kingstown and Narragansett. In my role, I answer resident questions on proper waste disposal, track data from the transfer station and RI Resource Recovery Corporation, and provide outreach and education to increase diversion rates (the rate of materials diverted from the landfill to recycling, composting, and other re-use). I'm also a passionate composter who wants to help all residents increase their composting efforts and keep food waste out of the landfill.

Back in 2017, the recycling coordinator at the time shared periodic "Green Tips" with information about recycling and composting. As your new Recycling Coordinator, I'm bringing them back. This column will be called "Sorting it Out" and will run monthly. I will aim to answer some common recycling and composting questions and hopefully provide additional insight into the how and why of waste. I will also focus on reducing waste and keeping our environment clean.

In the meantime, for information on solid waste, please see the South Kingstown website www.southkingstownri.gov and the RI Resource Recovery Corporation website www.rirrc.org.

If you have any specific questions or have a topic you wish I would cover in this column, please feel free to reach out to me at ccanner@southkingstownri.gov or 401.789.9331 x2259.