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Cherry Blossom Fest has no rain, no blossoms



The rain mostly held out for the Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairhaven on Sunday. The cherry blossoms, however, were not in bloom because the weather has been too cold. See more on page 16. *Photo by Jim Mahaney*



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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, it's that time of year again...no, I don't mean spring (what is that anyway?). I mean the time of year when town meeting spends all our tax dollars, to the tune of \$58+ million in Fairhaven. See page 3 for the details on spending articles that town meeting members will face this Saturday.

One thing they won't be voting on is that bylaws change that got all the auto dealers and marinas in an uproar. The Planning Board decided to pull it (see page 10) and start all over.

But, don't worry, there are lots of other issues to brighten up town meeting. At least, one can hope. See page 13 for a letter on one of those issues.

The disposition of the Rogers School, or not disposing of it at all, is a hot topic.

This will be the first town meeting with our new town administrator; and the first one in decades without Jeffrey Osuch on the big stage; and the first one in lots of years without John Roderiques as Finance Committee chair.

Gee...I hope it's not a snoozer.

I truly hope others will pick up the quotable-quotes challenge.

One thing we can be sure of: It'll be a gorgeous day. Inevitably, the first Saturday in May is the best day in weeks. This year, I'd say in months.

I can't believe I have my wood stove fired up for the whole day.

Forget the garden, I forgot I usually have one. It's anyone's guess when it'll be safe to get plants in the ground.

There's other stuff in here, of course. You'll just have to thumb through and see for yourself. Please be sure to note who our advertisers are and tell them you saw their ads here.

Also, if you appreciate the quality writing and reporting you find within these pages, please consider a donation to the *Neighb News*. The newspaper biz just isn't what it used to be back when I was watching *Superman* as a kid. Oh...remember that? And the big bucks of the *Lou Grant* days are pretty much gone, too. I started my paper decades late, alas. But, people still want quality, local news. If you feel you get that here, then please send in a small donation. Even \$20 will help.

One thing that came in kind of late, was the information on the annual food drive of the National Association of Letter Carriers next week (see page 5). We'll have more details in next week's issue, but please keep it in mind. The collections have been steadily going down the last few years. Just a few cans of soup or tuna, or vegetables can make a big difference for a family in need.

Until next week then...

See ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Fairhaven TM to face 50 articles on \$58.7 million in spending

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven Town Meeting members will vote on 50 articles covering about \$58.7 million in spending this Saturday, 5/7, at the annual and special town meetings at Hastings Middle School.

The FY17 operating budget of \$45.4 million includes \$21.5 million for the School Department, including the vocational schools. The \$19,385,788 for the Fairhaven Public Schools is an increase of \$648,594 from last year's appropriation, about 2%.

Spending articles beyond the operating budget total approximately \$13.3 million. Much of that will come from dedicated funds, such as sewer and water accounts, and more than \$8 million from borrowing.

Town revenue comes from property taxes, fees on licenses, excise taxes, state aid to cities and towns, and fees from water and sewer bills.

This year, according to the Finance Committee's report, \$27,200,617 will be raised in property taxes, which includes the full 2.5% allowable increase, limited by Proposition 2 1/2 to 2.5% plus new growth. Local receipts (from fees, such as building permits) are estimated at \$6,390,000, which is 87.2% of last year's actual fees. The town generally estimates local receipts conservatively to guard against a year-end deficit. Any money received that is over the estimate will be considered "surplus revenue" or "free cash." These funds are usually used for one-time expenses.

This year the FinCom is recommending that \$500,000 from free cash be put in the town's Stabilization Fund, also known as the "rainy day fund."

Money from sewer and water fees, go into "enterprise funds," dedicated accounts used to fund only expenses

from those departments, e.g., water fees pay for water department, sewer pays for sewer department.

The town's budget is "structurally balanced," meaning that ongoing expenses are being funded by ongoing revenue, not one-time money (such as free cash). All one time money is being used for one-time expenses, such as capital expenditures.*

Spending articles that seem poised to garner some discussion include \$33,000 for a consultant to study the condition of, and possible uses for, the Rogers School Building.

Discussion over the last few years about the fate of the building has ranged from knocking it down to create a parking lot and using it as a town hall annex. There were no acceptable offers on the building after two requests for proposals were advertised.

After hearing from Doug Brady of the Rogers/Oxford Committee, the Selectboard agreed to change the wording of the article from "disposition" to something that would include town uses for the building.

The Selectboard and Capital Planning Committee are also asking town meeting to approve \$45,000 for a "Public Facilities Improvement Plan," a study of all town buildings to determine their conditions and other possible uses.

The \$496,753 that those two boards are requesting in Article 9 of the annual TM will also fund two police cruisers (\$78,345), a police SafeBoat (\$30,000), a dump truck for the highway department (\$150,000), a truck for the Harbormaster (\$40,000) and flooring at Hastings Middle School (\$153,408).

The SafeBoat is a new boat for the police department that will replace

two aging vessels; the police cruisers and dump truck will replace aging vehicles.

The floors at the middle school will be reimbursed at 51% by the state.

One area that might get some resident push-back is an increase of \$35,000 in legal expenses to help pay for using an attorney who specializes in labor contracts to help with union negotiations.

The Planning Board's request to fund a consultant to update the town's Master Plan is being recommended at the full \$85,000 from the general fund plus \$25,000 in Community Preservation Act funds. The old Master Plan is out of date.

Other large spending items include \$8.682 million for capital improvements to the sewer plant using borrowed money, and \$300,000 in road work, plus \$523,821 in road work using Chapter 90/state funds.

The Board of Public Works is also looking for \$5,000 for costs associated with complying with the Water Management Act, and \$200,000 for a town-wide assessment on excessive inflow and infiltration of the sewer system. Those funds will come from water and sewer enterprise funds respectively.

The Community Preservation Committee is recommending \$441,600 in Community Preservation Act spending, including \$80,000 for the Buzzards Bay Coalition to protect water resources in Mattapoisett; \$50,000 for the Fairhaven Housing Authority for boilers at Dana Court; \$70,000 for window restoration at the high school; \$159,000 for exterior work on the library building; \$45,000 for exterior siding at the Academy Building.

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Selectbd gets earful on bylaw proposals; picks Lussier for BPW

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard had a room full of residents at its meeting on Monday, 5/2, for two issues on its agenda.

Auto dealers and marina owners turned out in force to discuss the proposed bylaw changes submitted to Town Meeting by the Planning Board.

Article 33 would add restrictions to auto dealers and service stations in town. But it was the addition of the word "boats" that got the Fairhaven Shipyard and other marina owners motivated to speak out.

Kevin McLaughlin, owner of the Fairhaven Shipyard, told the board that with all the regulations he has to contend with, and all the neighborhood complaints, he always thought the town had his back.

He read from parts of the town's Master Plan that emphasize the importance of the working waterfront and how to maintain the character of the town.

Rui DaSilva, who owns Artistic Auto, reiterated his complaint that he

is constantly "picked on" and is being "harassed" by town officials.

The Planning Board had heard from the same group and, at its last meeting, had voted to pull the article and start the process over.

Selectboard members said there was no reason for them to vote, because the article was dead.

Mr. McLaughlin, however, was not finished. He also took exception to Article 32, which proposes requiring a significant bond, among other things, for developers.

Mr. McLaughlin said that the proposal will discourage growth and business in town.

That article was also petitioned by the Planning Board, so the Selectboard had voted to "yield to the petitioner," as it usually does.

But after hearing the complaints, the board changed its vote to "indefinite postponement," to show its opposition to the change.

Article 32, will be debated and voted on at Town Meeting on Saturday.

In another matter that packed the room, the board voted to fill the seat

on the Board of Public Works that became vacant when Daniel Freitas won his seat on the Selectboard.

Mr. Freitas beat out incumbent Geoffrey Haworth, who has also served on the BPW.

Mr. Haworth, Phil Washko and Jarrod Lussier all applied for the position.

In a bit of an awkward set-up, the regulations call for the Selectboard, by itself, to vote for the BPW replacement, instead of a joint meeting, which is often how it works. But new Town Administrator Mark Rees looked up the law and discovered the rule.

BPW members were present and so were all three applicants, so the board asked the three to make statements and answer questions before the vote.

BPW chairperson Michael Ristuccia said he believed it was all just an "exercise," because he believed all three board members had made their decisions before entering the room.

Board member Bob Espindola said

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T • A D V E R T I S E M E N T • A D V E R T I S E M E N T

Who makes the magic?

By Beth David

"Get away from those trees," yelled Mark's dad. "I told you, you're not digging up the lawn to look for gnomes."

"I know, I know," Mark answered.

He wanted to dig up the gnome trees, though, to see if gnomes really existed. Gnomes build their homes under two oak trees planted near each other. One tree is the entrance, the other is the house.

Mark's mother acted positively mortified, hysterical really, that her little boy would want to ruin gnome homes.

But Mark didn't want to ruin their homes. He wanted to contact them and tell them that the Waters family needed help this year.

The gnomes on Nikommo Island often helped families in need.

Mark wanted to tell them that they needed stuff, Christmas stuff. It was Thanksgiving Day and things were looking pretty glum.

Granddad Waters, who used to live on the island, simply said, "You don't contact gnomes, they contact you."

Mark's know-it-all snooty cousin said only fools believed in gnomes and he didn't even know the difference between a puckwudgie and a fairy.

So Mark plotted and planned for a way to contact the gnomes.

Meanwhile, he helped Miss Adamack in her yard, shoveling snow and fixing her

fairy houses.

Finally, he confided in the very theatrical, eccentric old lady.

He found that she, too, believed in gnomes and fairies and all the Little People of the island.

But before he could hatch a plan to contact the gnomes, Miss Adamack had an "episode" and ended up in the hospital.

At first, all Mark could think of was how she could not help him contact the gnomes. Then his little sister Polly got all emotional and weepy and worried about Miss Adamack because she was sick.

Mark felt like a heel.

He changed his mind, and decided to take back is note asking for stuff.

But, before he could do that, he found a little vial of potion right in his secret spot.

Mark could hardly contain himself until the next day. And then, it was a snow day. Gnome magic all the way around.

He made Miss Adamack drink the potion in her hot chocolate, and in no time at all she was singing and wearing her colorful clothes and baking cookies.

What he didn't understand, though, was how the gnomes knew. His note had asked for a bike and a board game, not a potion.

"You don't have to say things out loud for gnomes to hear them," Miss Adamack

told Mark.

"Oh. I don't think I like that."

"No one does," she said. "But if you know that someone is hearing your thoughts, maybe it will make you think better thoughts."

And with that, they wrote down their whole story in the big black book of stories about the Little People on Nikommo Island.

Who Makes the Magic, \$1.49, is a 9,600-word short story available for Kindles, Nooks and other e-book readers. It includes a 2,570-word bedtime version. Visit www.Zorena.com for links to buy.



In a rare painting, three Woodland Gnomes, probably from different clans, stop for a visit by an old oak tree on Nikommo Island. The painting was found in the attic of an eccentric artist who had lived on Nikommo Island for many years.

AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Snow White

ONE Theater Group, Inc. is proud to announce its production of Snow White on **Thurs. & Fri., 5/5 & 5/6, at 7 p.m., and Sat., 5/7 at 2 & 7 p.m., at the Fairhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 40 Center St., Fairhaven.**

Proceeds from *Snow White* will go to the local chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, an agency that funds research, and provides support and advocacy services to those living in Southeastern Mass. affected by cystic fibrosis.

Snow White is a family-friendly show that's sure to entertain all ages. It tells the tale of the Evil Queen whose sole desire is to be the fairest and most beautiful in the kingdom. When Snow White turns 16, the Evil Queen's Magic Mirror reveals a devastating truth. Snow White has now become the fairest in the kingdom. This angers the queen who orders Snow White's death!

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Seating is general admission. Purchase tickets online at www.onetheatergroup.com or anytime during normal business hours at the Millicent Library in Fairhaven. Tickets may also be reserved in advance by emailing onetheatergroup@gmail.com or by calling 508-525-9972. If seating is still available, tickets will be sold at the door. Doors open 30 min. before each show.

Irish Night

West Island Irish Night, **Sat., 5/28, 5 p.m., at the WI community center, 41 Causeway Road, West Island, Fairhaven. Tickets: \$15,** call Shirley at 508-996-3473. Featuring traditional boiled dinner at 5 and Eddie Dillon and Alfie O'Shea from 5-8. BYOB.

Blessing of the Bikes

St. Joseph's 18th annual Blessing of the bikes, **Sun., 5/15 (rain date 5/22). Sign up at 10 a.m.,** kickstands up at noon sharp. Starts at **Ft. Phoenix, Fairhaven, rear parking lot. \$15/bike.** Ride is about two hours on backroads, ends at Ice House Bar & Grill in Fairhaven with live music on the outdoor stage by The Relics and The Cut Eyes. Outside cash bar, \$5/biker BBQ selections. Vendors Jewelry by Vicki and Minuteman Harley Davidson. Sponsored by St. Joseph's and Ice House Grill. Benefits

St. Joseph's School. For more information, call Liz, 508-996-1983 or Ice House at 508-992-2337.

Ham & Bean Supper

Fairhaven Lions Club and Fairhaven Village Militia will be holding their **3rd Annual Ham & Bean Dinner, Sat., 5/14, 5- 8 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center 229 Huttleston Ave. Adults \$10.00 and Children \$5.00** (5 & under). Ham, Beans, Cole Slaw, Mashed Potatoes, rolls, beverage, dessert. DJ Johnny Angel, Silent Auction, Classic Cars. Accessible. For tickets contact: COA 508-979-4029, Ellie 508-441-7566 or Bill 508-996-3420.

Bicycle Rides/Free

Come join the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee kick-off the 2016 State Bike Week, on **Sat., 5/14, at Fort Phoenix. Registration, 9:30 a.m., ride at 10.** There will be gifts for the first people to register. There will also be a few maps to help the riders navigate the three rides we have created: Short, 9 miles; medium, 20 miles; long, 34 miles. Let's hope for nice sunny day

Cultural Council

If you are interested the arts and in serving your community, the Fairhaven Cultural Council is seeking new members. New and prospective members who are residents of Fairhaven are invited to attend the council's next meeting on **Mon., 5/23.**

Council members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and oversee the awarding and distribution of grant monies from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and local funds for projects in the arts and humanities that directly benefit Fairhaven residents. The council meets on Monday evenings for only three to four formal voting meetings throughout the year, and on an as-needed basis for other council business.

Any Fairhaven resident interested in joining the council should contact chairperson Kristine Daniels by email at artgirlkris@comcast.net for **more information by May 15.**

Livesey Clean-up

The Fairhaven Rotary Club is sponsoring a Clean-Up of **Livesey Park on Sat., 5/14 from 9 a.m. to**

Noon. Meet at the NFIA building at Oxford School. For more info, email Pattie at pmederios67@comcast.net

Texas Hold 'em

Bristol County Bandis Senior Hockey Present their third annual Texas Hold 'Em Fundraiser Tournament, **7 p.m. Sat., 5/21. Registration at 6 p.m.; \$60 Buy-In, \$20 Add-On.** Must be 21 years or older to play, prizes will be 50% of game proceeds. Call Marc Santos at (774)473-0563 to register in advance and receive additional chips. The tournament will be held at the **Town Crier, 5 Maitland Street, Fairhaven.**

SAVE THE DATES

Memorial Day Parade

Fairhaven will hold its Memorial Day Parade and sunrise/sunset flag raisings on **Mon., 5/30. Parade steps off at 8:30 a.m.** at South and Main Streets, marches down Main to Riverside Cemetery.

Stamp Out Hunger

The annual National Association Of Letter Carriers' food drive will be held on **Sat., 5/14.** Residents are asked to leave nonperishable goods on or near their mailboxes, where letter carriers and volunteers will collect them for distribution to local food pantries.

FIA Vouchers

The Fairhaven Improvement Association is again offering the Voucher Program to help the residents to enhance the beauty of their property.

Send a check for \$20.00 to the Fairhaven Improvement Association, P.O. Box 404, Fairhaven, MA 02719, with a self-addressed stamped envelope. You will receive a voucher that entitles you to purchase double the amount, \$40, of shrubbery at Kenny's Farm Stand on Huttleston Ave.

The offer is available to Fairhaven residents only. One voucher per family is allowed.

For a limited time Kenny has offered to add another \$10.00 allowance to your doubled voucher giving you a total of \$50.00 in buying power at his nursery. This offer will be honored from May 1 to July 1, 2016. Voucher expires on Sept. 30.

Contact Monika Whalley, 508-758-8223 or monikawhalley@hotmail.com

HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

YTI Play

Your Theatre, Inc., the SouthCoast's fully dedicated community theatre, rings down the curtain on its 69th (2015-2016) season with Agatha Christie's 1943 superlative mystery-comedy "And Then There Were None" which features an ending preferred by the author but never before used in an American stage presentation and only seen once in Europe.

Performances will be held **Thursdays to Saturdays May 5-7 and 12-14, at 8 p.m., and Sundays May 8 and 15 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Your Theatre Performance Complex at St. Martin's Church, **136 Rivet St. at County St., New Bedford.** Free off-street parking is located at the theatre complex entrance on County St. For reservations, call 508-993-0772.

The play, one of Ms. Christie at her murderous best, tells of ten strangers lured by a mysterious host for a relaxing weekend on a remote island. Once they have arrived there is a suspicious death. The host accuses each person, via a recording, of having escaped justice for a past murder. Unable to leave the island the guests begin to share their darkest secrets until they fall, one by one. The ever dwindling party rushes to unmask the hidden killer in their midst. Who is the murderer? Who is next? This highly entertaining whodunit will keep any audience member guessing until the play ends.

Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$12 season subscribers, \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military personnel. For more information call 508-993-0772, email info@yourtheatre.org, or visit www.yourtheatre.org

Elder Health Fair

In celebration of Older Americans Month, Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. in collaboration with the New Bedford Council on Aging, will host the largest southcoast annual health fair for elders and caregivers on **Fri., 5/6, between 1 a.m. & 2 p.m. at the Andre McCoy Recreation Center, at 181 Hillman Street in New Bedford.**

Over 75 community agencies will display information and provide education on a host of services that are available. Southcoast Mobile Van will be on site for free blood pressure check, blood sugar, cholesterol screenings, tetanus and Pneumonia

vaccine. Elders can also meet with Coastline's nutritionist to discuss their dietary needs or bring medications to be reviewed by a Walgreen's pharmacist.

There is **no charge to attend and lunch/refreshments will be served throughout the day**, through the generosity of Brandon Woods, Caregiver Homes, Island Terrace Nursing Home, Office of the Bristol County District Attorney, Royal Health Group and the Residence at Cedar Dell. The health fair is open to everyone. For more information, contact Ann McCrillis at 508-742-9160.

Fishing Heritage Events

May is National Preservation Month, a time when people across America celebrate their history, culture, and special places. The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will host two free events dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the local fishing community.

On Tues., 5/10, at 7 p.m., the Center hosts an Industry Antiques Road Show. Several members of the fishing community will display family photographs, documents, and artifacts and share stories about how the industry and community have changed over time. This event will be held at the **Fishing Heritage Center (38 Bethel Street, New Bedford).**

Save the Date

On Saturday, May 21st at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park (33 William Street, New Bedford) the Center will hold a Fishing Heritage Digitizing Day to scan photos of fishing families.

The Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information visit www.fishingheritagecenter.org or contact the Center at 508-993-8894.

Scrimshaw Weekend

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will host the 28th annual Scrimshaw Weekend on **May 13 through May 15.** This internationally renowned event is the world's only regular forum where collectors, dealers, curators, folk art and whaling history enthusiasts can share their interest in the historical shipboard art of whalers. Founded in 1989, the event attracts people from across the

country and abroad, who gather to share the enjoyment of this distinctive and beautiful art form.

The 7th Annual Nautical Antiques Show on Friday, May 13 kicks off this year's Scrimshaw Weekend.

Registration for the **three-day Scrimshaw Weekend is \$315 for Whaling Museum members and \$370 for non-members.**

For more information or to register for the event, call 508-997-0046 ext. 100 or visit, www.whalingmuseum.org/programs/scrimshaw-weekend.

Open the Bay FR

The SouthCoast's Community Boating Center (CBC) has announced their 10th Annual Opening of the Bay Fundraiser event. The non-profit group connects the region's underprivileged youth with mentors who aid and enhance their lives. Volunteers have built many relationships with at-risk children, teaching values, skills, and the importance of teamwork.

The organization's flagship program, Summer Youth Sailing, uses boating as a tool to help instill important life lessons such as planning, safety, integrity, and sound judgment.

Early bird tickets are available for \$75 per person and include dinner, cash bar, silent auction, and dancing to the eight-piece musical juggernaut, Soul of Boston.

For more information, contact Bo or Kim at 508-992-6219 or communityboating.org.

Become A Foster/ Adoptive Parent

Open your Heart & Home: Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent! Join us Sun., 5/15, 12-3 p.m. to learn about becoming a foster parent, short-term hotline foster parent, or adoptive parent. At YMCA Southcoast, New Bedford Branch, 25 South Water St.

Join the Department of Children and Families and the YMCA to learn how you can make a difference in the life of a child in need! Sponsored in part by United Way of Greater New Bedford and New Bedford Community Connections Coalition Task Force for Foster Care Support.

RSVP to 617-748-2197. Visit www.mass.fov/dcf to learn more!

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

FMS Arts Fest

On **Thurs., 5/5, Albert F. Ford Middle School** will hold its annual "Festival of the Arts" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event will feature art and music created and performed by students in grades 5 through 8. The Ford Middle School Chorus will perform the event finale spring concert at 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria under the direction of music teacher Brian Shanbrun.

Art exhibits include hundreds of projects on display throughout the building created by the students of art teacher Kristine Daniels. In addition to art created in classes, both Grade 5 & 6 Art Club and Grade 7 & 8 Art Club will have special projects on display. Art Club projects have been supported with funds from the Acushnet Cultural Council. Art award ribbons will be presented on works chosen to be included in a special "Future Artists" exhibit at the 2016 Annual Acushnet Art Week Show on June 4 and 5 at the Acushnet Council on Aging.

Ford Middle School students and their families are invited to this event as well as the general public. It is recommended that students or groups of students be accompanied by an adult. **Admission is free. Visitors should use the north (gym) entrance of Ford Middle School on 708 Middle Road in Acushnet.** For more information call Kristine Daniels at 508-998-0265 ext. 1205.

Miss Inspiration

On Friday May 6, reigning Miss Southcoast Jillian Zucco will host the **Miss Inspirational pageant** for girls with special needs and disabilities at the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Zucco, a graduating nursing student in the honors program at UMASS Dartmouth, is now accepting registrations from girls and young women for participation in this event on a first-come, first-serve basis. The goal of the pageant is to highlight and celebrate the achievements of those around us who are breaking barriers and overcoming challenges every day.

The pageant will have four phases: Introduction, using any form of communication with or without assistance; Talent, sharing a unique ability, talent, or something the

individual is proud of; Formal Wear, demonstrating grace and confidence in a party dress or gown of one's own or one provided courtesy of the Cinderella Project through Gifts to Give; and Personal Statement submitted in writing before the event detailing obstacles overcome, barriers broken, and/or goals and aspirations, pieces of which will be read to the audience during the Formal Wear portion of the live show.

Ms. Zucco plans to accommodate individuals with all types of disabilities, including mental, physical, developmental and medical. An ASL interpreter will be available. The stage, dressing room and auditorium meet ADA accessibility guidelines, and a volunteer will be assigned to assist each participant on and off stage the night of the show.

The program will also recognize any males with special needs who would like to be involved as well.

There is **no fee to participate. Tickets to the event are \$10 at the door.** All proceeds will benefit Boston Children's Hospital through the Children's Miracle Network.

To register or for more information, email JillianZucco@gmail.com

Half-price sale

Mattapoisett Friends Meeting (Quaker) is extending its **SPRING SALE from 9-11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at its Hall, 103 Marion Rd. (Rte. 6), Mattapoisett.**

Everything sold at 1/2 price or less with many items .25 & .50 cents. Last Saturday's sale netted slightly more than \$800 for the Historic Meeting House Restoration Fund.

LNG Meeting

The Mass. Energy Facilities Siting Board is holding a public meeting on the proposed expansion of the Liquefied Natural Gas facility in Acushnet on **Thurs. 5/12, at 7 p.m. at Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, Acushnet.** The project is currently being review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The Siting Board also seeks written comments concerning the project. Send comments by email to BOTH robert.j.shea@state.ma.us and dpufiling@state.ma.us or by U.S. mail to Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110,

Attn: Robert Shea, Presiding Officer. **Deadline for comments is May 20.** The Siting Board will use the comments it receives, whether oral or written, in drafting a comment letter on the project of FERC. Contact Robert Shea with questions.

Additional information about the project is available on the FERC website, <http://www.ferc.gov>. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the FERC docket number PF16-1. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov or call FERC at 1-866-208-3676.

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- Wed., 5/25 from 10-11 a.m.: Four Ponds Conservation Area (140 Barlows Landing Rd., Bourne)

These walks are part of the Coalition's Bay Adventures series: programs designed for explorers of all ages to get outside and discover Buzzards Bay. To learn more about all our upcoming Bay Adventures, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events.

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Herring Festival

Acushnet River Herring Festival on Sat., 5/14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sawmill, 32 Mill Rd., Acushnet. FREE and will feature food, music, live bird demonstrations, kids' activities. For more details visit: www.savebuzzardsbay.org/Events.

FIA holds annual meeting, awards ceremony

Press Release

At its annual meeting held at the Wamsutta Club, the Fairhaven Improvement Association presented awards to individuals and businesses.

Emma Fike and Keegan Fike received the youth Outstanding Community Service awards for their assistance and involvement in

Improvement Association events.

Adult Outstanding Community Service award were presented to Kerrie McNamara for her development of an after school health, fitness, and running program, The Band of Brothers.

Colonel Lyle Drew was honored for Community Service for developing

the West Island 5K race which supports the Fairhaven High cross country team.

Beautification is another category. The Mackatan General Store owned by Chris Medeiros and Troy Tonneson received this award. The Nasketucket Cemetery was also honored for its beautification efforts.



LEFT, L-R: Lt. Brent Fike, Keegan Fike, Rebecca Fike, Emma Fike. Siblings Keegan and Emma received the youth Outstanding Community Service awards at the Fairhaven Improvement Association's annual meeting on Tuesday, 4/12, at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. MIDDLE, L-R: The FIA's Linda Meredith presents the Outstanding Community Service award for developing the Band of Brothers running club in the Fairhaven Public Schools. RIGHT, L-R: FIA president Barbara Acksen poses with Christopher Medeiros, who received the FIA's Beautification award with his partner Troy Tonneson, for their work on the Mackatan General Store on West Island. Submitted photos courtesy of Tony Lopes.

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FHS Top Five: Students receive recognition for academics+

By Paula Jardin

Special to the Neighb News

Five students from Fairhaven High School received medals and certificates of achievement from FHS principal Tara Kohler and Superintendent Robert Baldwin at the 28th annual South Coast Conference Academic All-Star Banquet on Wednesday, 4/27.

When this group of students was inducted into the FHS Honor Society as sophomores, our Vice Principal Mary-Jane Muello asked faculty to send her adjectives describing each of them. At the induction ceremony she shared these words and phrases illustrating their leadership, character, service, and scholastic qualities.

This was very meaningful to them and the graduating senior members of the honor society asked that we do the same for the in-coming 2016 inductees. So in light of this, I asked the faculty to supply me with updated adjectives about the Top 5.

When describing **Sarah Corderre**, our faculty said she is a gem... compassionate, resilient, and open minded, a future supreme court justice.

She plans to attend Suffolk University to double major in Pre-law and Government with a concentration in international relations and economics and a minor in environmental science. She found her late night AP study sessions helped her strengthen her work ethic and brought her closer to her friends and teachers.

These late night study skills will serve her well with her college with all those majors, minors and concentrations!

Her ultimate goal to to work in humanitarian crisis aid. Our faculty saw in her the traits she will need to do this important work in a very challenging world.

Our teachers commented that **Jared Fredette**, was quick-witted, ingenious, and intuitive, a wonder brain! A problem solver, he approaches life's challenges with intelligence, determination, and balance.

His most memorable high school moment was competing in Team America Rocketry Challenge in Washington DC, as one of the founding members of FHS's Rocketry Club, aptly named Gentlefolk in Lab

Coats. There he employed all of these adjectives to help his team place in this national competition.

He plans to be an aerospace engineer after completing his studies at Rensselaer Polytech. His US AP project for my class was all about fly machines, old, new, and future. I could see the love he has for this and know that it will never be a just a career or job but an adventure.

Ashley Rice plans to attend either the University of Miami or UMASS AMherst, and plans to study Health Sciences. While Ashley may be undecided about her college choice, faculty and staff were not.

All of her teachers remarked that she is extremely hard working, a truly dynamic student with great ideas, who perseveres. This work ethic was inspired in part by Mr. Harding, who told Ms. Rice's freshmen geometry that class in order to succeed you have to put work in.

She was motivated by his stories of successful students and wanted to be a member of their ranks. I know that in the future Mr. Harding and others on staff will be telling students about her hard work and achievements.

Described as careful, focused, and a self-disciplined deep thinker, **Elizabeth Rodericks** is all that and more. These words are an endorsement of her plan to study Medical and Molecular Biology at Mass. College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

She was also deemed kind-hearted and committed, which matches perfectly her growing commitment to volunteerism. She serves on several school organizations which work to increase awareness of human and civil rights. Her quiet dignity and honest, logical approach will be assets in any field.

She also happens to be the best proofreader and grammarian that I know.

I will personally miss her services as Honor Society secretary.

Heather Welty's dad is our Science Department leader, so much was expected of Dr. Welty's daughter when she began high school.

Most of us have known

her from being a toddler to becoming an accomplished young woman.

She has not disappointed, her transcript is a rich tapestry of experiences. She has explored challenging AP and honors classes in history, math, English, music and theater, and of course all the sciences.

Her interest and abilities are hard to pigeonhole.

In the words of her teachers she is a Renaissance woman; learning advanced programming, playing the cello, and advocating for understanding and acceptance of all students within our school community, all in the same day.

Her plans include attending Hampshire College to study computer and neuroscience, the perfect environment for her to chart her own course as she loves learning and finding new passions.

Common to all of these students is their sense of balance, their dedication to extra-curricula activities, their love of community service work, and their support of their class of 2016.

They are wonderful role models and mentors to the underclassman who look up to them and want to emulate them. They are truly a joy to teach and remind us all of why we became educators.

I can't read all of the adjectives written about them, it would take all afternoon, suffice to say they are our best! And we thank them.



L-R: Fairhaven High School students Jared Fredette, Sarah Corderre, Heather Welty, Ashley Rice and Elizabeth Rodericks upon their return from the 28th Annual South Coast Conference Academic All-Star Banquet held at Independence Harbor, Assonet, on 4/27. The five were recognized for academic and personal achievements. Submitted photo.

Recipe of the Week

Portuguese Pork Tenderloin

A traditional portuguese dish

1 lb pork tenderloin, trimmed
 2 tablespoons flour
 salt
 pepper
 paprika
 1 tablespoon butter
 1 onion, sliced
 1/2 lb mushroom, sliced
 2/3 cup dry white wine
 1/4 teaspoon rosemary
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 2 tbs fresh parsley, chopped

Season flour with salt, pepper and paprika.

Roll tenderloin in seasoned flour.

Saute pork in butter until golden brown.

Add sliced onions and mushrooms.

Saute for a minute or two.

Add wine and rosemary.

Cover and cook over low heat for 45 to 60 minutes, or until done.

Add lemon juice and parsley just before serving.

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Planning Board pulls auto/boat bylaw

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Planning Board decided to pull its proposed bylaw changes from the town meeting warrant after hearing from a chorus of voices in the auto and boat sales and service industries at its previous meeting.

On Tuesday, 4/26, the board did not take comment, instead, simply voted to recommend passing over the bylaw at town meeting on Saturday.

Forty people piled into the meeting room to weigh in on the subject, if necessary.

Planning Director Bill Roth said the board had three options. One, to go with the article "as is," and debate it on town meeting. He said that after the "public outcry" the board would never get the 2/3 vote necessary at Town Meeting.

The board could try to revise the wording before town meeting and amend the article from the floor.

Or the board could vote to pass

over the article and start the process over.

Mr. Roth recommended the third option.

He said that although it was never the intention of the board to hurt boatyards and marinas in any way, or to stifle the work of existing auto shops, he said the "intent of the board" and the interpretation by the public "are not the same."

He said the board should start over and make sure the bylaw is "very clear" on the board's intent.

"So, I don't think we should wordsmith it tonight," said Mr. Roth, adding that if they tried to, "there will be unintended consequences."

PB chairperson Wayne Hayward told residents who attended that although they did not speak to the issue that night, their presence made a "statement itself."

The board voted to pass over the article at town meeting, and the room emptied out.

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he had decided, but that he also wanted to talk to the three before voting.

Mr. Murphy said he wanted to meet Mr. Lussier before deciding.

Mr. Freitas made it clear that he knew whom he would not vote for.

He said more than once that he did not want a person who would "micro manage" the department. He did not mention Mr. Haworth by name.

Mr. Washko has served on several boards, not least of which was the Government Study Committee which

recommended abolishing the BPW.

BPW member Brian Wotton said he did not understand why Mr. Washko would want to be on a board he wanted to dismantle.

Mr. Washko said he did not want to dismantle it, that it was a misrepresentation of what his committee did.

Mr. Lussier is new to politics, and a virtual unknown. He told the board he was a licensed plumber and wanted to get involved in the town. The vacancy on the BPW seemed like the right opportunity.

In the end, Mr. Murphy and Mr.

Freitas voted for Mr. Lussier. Mr. Espindola made a motion for Mr. Haworth, but it was not seconded.

In another matter, the board also recognized Fairhaven High School senior Keegan Fike who won the Operation Home Front 2016 Coast Guard Military Child of the Year Award.

Mr. Fike told the board that his family had moved so many times that Fairhaven was the first time he had been in the same school for consecutive years.

The board commended Mr. Fike on how he has adjusted to the moves.

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Pastoral Planning Survey Distribution

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You can access the survey via the following link:
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2682037/Diocese-of-Fall-River-Parishioner-Survey>.

Please submit your response by Tuesday, May 31st. If you have questions contact Mike Arkin at TDC at marking@tdcorp.org or (617) 728-9151 ext. 233 or the Pastoral Planning Office at jregali@dioc-fr.org or 508-675-1311.

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From our readers

Town needs more info on condition of Rogers School

The iconic Rogers school building gifted to the Town in 1895 was the epicenter for education to all children no matter what religion or background thanks to our town benefactor Henry H Rogers for more than 123 years. Its fate is now in our hands at town meeting.

I have long advocated and stood for due diligence in transparency in all financial aspects as we face the future of this landmark. There are no do-overs or wish we coulda, woulda, shoulda, for once it's gone, it is gone forever. We must get it right, think it through and not be rushed into any decision. Our present and future is at stake.

We have never had any true accounting as to the costs and possibilities of what it would take for town re-use of the building or a knowledgeable financial basis to negotiate with various developers. What tax credits, historic credits, and other sources of funding could be applicable to the Rogers School?

For example, in the Oxford proposal we have seen over 1 million dollars coming from historic preservation credits, grants and tax credits. But this has been unexplored in the case of the Rogers School. Instead numbers have been tossed around freely like dice in a back alley which have no truth to them at all, just simply tossed out there.

The residents deserve the respect and demand much more than that. We need an in-depth evaluation which includes actual financial costs and factors if the town were to utilize this building or for a developer to take the building. Otherwise we are operating with blinders on.

Yes, the study will cost us money up front, but the return on investment should more than make up the cost. We will have a clear understanding of actual costs and what funding sources would be available. There is a historic grant potentially available for this developmental study to help defray some of the costs. Should we go the developer route, the study would be critical to the developer in creating a final plan to present for approval.

We are told we don't need the space or funding; then why are we considering rehabbing an old EMA building for a cost of \$660,000 to 1 million dollars? Tripp School has structural issues which will cost many dollars in engineering studies. Why not consider leasing out space and get revenues for the town? Could the Rogers School not be used for this?

We have to get away from a compartmentalized way of thinking and review the entire town and ask: What is the policy plan and future for our town?

Economic development is a big topic these days. Could not a tourism office with space and a Government Access Channel Office [with] the ability to showcase our town be used?

This would increase tourism making Fairhaven a destination spot, increase foot traffic for stores, which means more money spent at area shops and restaurants. What about revenue generated from office space leased out for small business owners or a Town Hall Annex with ample space. If the town hall has sufficient office space then why

are there boxes piled up in front of the 3rd floor window facing the library?

These scenarios are not the only possibilities. A correct developer project could be the answer too. But we don't know the answers because we never had the In-depth evaluation done giving us the actual financial numbers and a clear picture of the possibilities and pathways.

How can we make a truly informed decision if we don't have all the facts? Simply put, we cannot.

This building embodies the historical integrity of the town and fellow residents. We urge the town members to vote YES on Article 7 [on the Special Town Meeting Warrant] to get all the facts and information needed so that we the current and future residents will benefit.

Regards,

Fairhaven Town Meeting Members:

Doug Brady, Pct 4; Nils Isaksen, Pct 4; Leonard Benoit, Pct 1; Rosalina Benoit, Pct 1; Daniel Silvia, Pct 5; Keith Silvia, Pct 5; Nick Costa, Pct 4; Tom Silvia, Pct 5; Arne Ole Anderson, Pct 6; Leslie Trot, Pct 5; Dave DeSouza, Pct 6; Al Benac, Pct 4; Cathy Delano, Pct 1; Sue Loo, Pct 1; Lee Baumgartner, Pct 4

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508-979-4029.

Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons May 9th and 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. It also meets Thursdays April 28th May 12th and 26th from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

Older Americans Month

Coastline & New Bedford Council On Aging invites you to a Healthy Aging Fair, **Friday May 6, 2016 from 10-2:00 p.m. at 181 Hillman Street, New Bedford, Mass.** The Southcoast Mobile Van will be on-site. Free lunch, refreshments and raffles throughout the day.

Mothers Day Tea Party

On **Sunday, May 8th, 11:30-1:00 p.m.** at the Fairhaven Senior Center, we will be having a Mother's Day Tea Party for ladies who find themselves alone this mother's day. Whether you are a mother with children who live out of town or someone who has no children but celebrates Mother's Day because you cherished your own mother, you are invited to attend this special event. Light sandwiches and pastries will be served with a variety of teas. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center to reserve your seat at 508-979-4029. This is a FREE EVENT For ALL.

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Weather holds for Cherry Blossom Festival

By Beth David
Editor

The rain held off for most of the day during the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairhaven on Sunday, but the cold spring kept the cherry blossoms themselves from coming out. The cold weather has put the schedule for the blossoms back a couple of weeks, but that did not stop the festival from informing and entertaining. Sponsored by the

Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, the festival celebrates the special relationship Fairhaven has with Japan, due to the rescue of Manjiro Nakahama from a deserted island when he was 14 in 1841, by Fairhaven whaling captain William Whitfield. The festival also celebrates the gift of some cherry trees from Japan to Fairhaven. Some of the trees have been planted at Cooke Park on the corner of Pilgrim Avenue and Cherry

Street, which is with a block of Manjiro's Fairhaven home which is now a museum.

To learn more about the Manjiro story and the museum, visit <http://www.whitfield-manjiro.org> or the Millicent Library's website, <http://millicentlibrary.org/manjiro-2/> or the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, <http://fairhaventours.com/manjiro-nakahama/>



The Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society and the Fairhaven Colonial Club sponsored the annual Japanese Cherry Blossom Friendship Festival on Sunday, 5/1. ABOVE LEFT & RIGHT: Members of the Bushido Tenshin Do-Jo give a martial arts demonstration. BOTTOM LEFT: A member of the Colonial Club on Cherry Street, which was open for tours during the festival. BOTTOM RIGHT: Participants enjoy a special box-lunch of Japanese food at the festival. Photos by Jim Mahaney.



Fairhaven-Acushnet Little League opens season with parade

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven-Acushnet Little League opened its season with its annual parade on Saturday, 4/30. Team members, coaches, parents and siblings marched down Main Street in Acushnet from St. Francis Xavier School to Pope Park.

At the newly renovated Knox Field, the ceremony include a little speech-making, award-giving, the national anthem, opening pitches by politicians, and the traditional “play ball” order.

League president Eric Lamontange welcomed everyone to the “brand spanking new Knox Field,” and thanked a long list of people who helped get the field completely renovated.

New features include rebuilt dugouts with higher fencing, and protective plastic tubing on the top of the chain-link fence all around the field.

Emcee Glen Lincoln told the crowd that both the Acushnet and Fairhaven fields got upgrades.

Mr. Lincoln handed the mike to last year’s Volunteer of the Year and the league Vice President Todd Letourneau to say a few words about this year’s winner, Dan Nault, an F.A.L.L. board member.

Mr. Letourneau told the crowd he could talk for an hour about Mr. Nault, but settled on saying that he

finished the projects he started, including some that had been talked about for years.

Mr. Nault declined the opportunity to speak, and, instead, just strode off the field with his plaque.

“What a day! What a park,” said Acushnet Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe, and asked that people thank the volunteers who helped make it happen. “Be safe, have fun, and enjoy the season.”

Fairhaven Selectboard chairperson Charles Murphy told the crowd that the two communities work well together.

“Acushnet is a great community. Fairhaven is a great community,” said Mr. Murphy.

After a few more thanks and the national anthem by 2015 Jr. Miss Apple Peach, Tori Kalisz, and her singing group Sequence, Mr. Murphy and former Acushnet Selectboard member David Wojnar threw out the first pitches simultaneously.

Mr. Lincoln took the mike for one last plug to the players and the spectators. He said the new season was a journey for everyone, and he encouraged adults to help if they can.

He encouraged all involved to congratulate both teammates and opponents when they make a great play.

“Because in an upcoming game, they may deliver that key hit or pitch a good game. Or maybe, it could be



you that needs the pick-me-up from your teammates after an unsuccessful play,” said Mr. Lincoln. “Be that person who picks up you teammates in any or all situations.”

Most importantly, though, have fun, he said.

“Above all, respect the game, and remember, we’re all here for the kids,” said Mr. Lincoln. “So let’s go out there and have lots of fun, and now, we can play ball.”

Visit <https://fairhavenacushnetll.leaguetoobox.com/site> for more information about the F.A.L.L.



ABOVE LEFT: Players on the Whaling City Seafood team hold hands as they walk in the parade to the ball field on opening day of the Fairhaven/Acushnet Little League at Acushnet’s Knox Field on Saturday, 4/30. ABOVE RIGHT: Players on the Lance Corporal Matthew Rodriguez Foundation team carry an American flag in the parade. TOP: Dan Nault walks off the field with his plaque for Volunteer of the Year. Photos by Beth David.

Salaries of town employees; cont'd to next page

With Town Meeting scheduled for this Saturday, 5/7, it is time for our annual publishing of town employee salaries as they appear in the Fairhaven Finance Committee's

report. The list on pages 18, 19 & 24-26 has been taken directly from that report. The amounts listed are actual dollars paid to employees from Jan. 1, 2015 through 12/31/15. Last year, our

annual salary issue was published on 4/30/15, and is available on our website: www.Neighb News.com on the 2015 archives page.

DEPT/NAME	YTD. GROSS	DEPT/NAME	YTD. GROSS	DEPT/NAME	YTD. GROSS
MODERATOR		ELECTION & REGISTRATION CONT.		POICE DEPARTMENT CONT.	
Sylvia, Mark	800.00	Grace, Mary	101.77	Chasse, Kevin	84,782.18
		Greene, Pamela	101.7	Ciccione, Richard	103,870.97
SELECTMEN		LeBlanc, Sandra	92.53	Coelho, Scott	49,730.73
Espindola, Robert	5,199.96	Lets, Michelle	92.53	Cutmore, Glenn	100,402.21
Haworth, Geoffrey	5,199.96	Medeiros, Lorraine	144.92	Damofal, Marc	95,549.47
Lentini, Ashlee	32,232.97	Melanphy, Sandra	101.77	Dorgan, Daniel	121,126.38
Murphy Sr., Charles	5,199.96	Mello, Joan	111.06	Gordon, Scott	106,830.79
O'Brien, Anne	53,290.32	Meredith, Terrance	92.53	Haaland, Nancy	75,515.38
Ostch, Jeffrey	128,733.45	Perry, Nancy	111.06	Joseph, Scott	92,134.53
Pina, Loreen	35,418.97	Roeha, Diane	111.06	Kista, Alexander	65,490.56
		Roeha, Elaine	111.06	Kobza, Kevin	104,631.32
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		Rose, Janice	101.77	Lacerda, Philip	84,877.53
Carreiro, Anne	81,229.03	Therrien, Linda	92.53	Mello Jr., Wayne	80,010.65
Shepard, Joyce	19,427.88			Myers, Michael	145,123.28
		ENFORCEMENT AGENT		Penha, Jr. Jerome	44,532.73
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		Hemngway, Thomas	11,961.02	Quintal, Lindsay	49,624.38
DaCunha, Helen	31,764.67			Quintin, Andrew	102,578.13
Davis, Pamela	6,496.62	PLANNING BOARD		Riggs, Edward	67,915.02
Garcia, Delfino	55,302.16	White, Tracy	1,642.21	Sniezek, Frank	93,339.84
Perry, Melody	34,726.22	TOURISM		Sobral, David	174,973.05
Withington, Ellis	6,496.62	Richard, Christopher	53,567.20	Sobral, Matthew	54,101.70
		TOWN HALL		Souza, Timothy	113,791.37
TREASURER'S OFFICE		Foslin, Frank	46,037.86	Sullivan, Michael	66,369.74
Blais, Suzanne	39,085.86	Lizotte, Ernest	224.20	Swain, Kevin	89,617.35
Graves, Wendy	98,799.36			Tavares, Jason	80,487.10
Rose, Lisa	49,400.72			Walker, Ariane	11,818.98
		PLANNING & ECONOMICS			
TOWN COLLECTOR		Blais, Amanda	13,009.92	FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Betencourt, Pamela	45,337.83	Pacella, Patricia	18,367.88	Almeida, Stephen	66,916.87
Brandolini, Carol	6,093.43	Ripley, Marie	18,857.32	Austin, Kristine	51,262.76
Ferranti, Kelly	34,483.47	Rohf, Jr. William	87,232.43	Benoit, Joshua	77,935.30
Paquette, Vicki	33,445.07			Burr, Chaucney	82,400.22
		POLICE DEPARTMENT		Charrest, Nancy	57,050.10
TOWN CLERK		Adesso, Jaunna	49,746.26	Correa, Paul	87,037.20
Hurley, Carolyn	39,224.58	Aves, Jonathan	37,217.18	Correa, Todd	92,420.06
Lowney, Eileen	55,563.58	Best, Maureen	51,513.41	Cox, Jonathan	54,713.47
		Betencourt, Christopher	71,902.28	Cruz, Frank	61,605.59
ELECTION & REGISTRATION		Betencourt, James	69,265.18	Francis, Timothy	119,077.75
Alden, Thomas	114.92	Betencourt, Jerold III	102,065.21	Freitas, Edward	71,995.10
Audette, Kathleen	92.53	Botelho, Matthew	107,758.55	Gonsalves, Kevin	25,909.36
Bachand, Lee	111.06	Botelho, Michael	112,321.99	Gordon, David	71,200.20
Burgo, Elaine	101.77	Bourgault, Pamela	109,282.19	Gragales, Shawn	26,474.87
Costa, Bernadette	111.06	Bouvier Jr., Michael	116,918.08	Johnson, Erik	74,858.67
Cunha, Mary	111.06	Butlinski, Janis	82,903.52	Lincoln, Robert	85,186.68
Diggle, George	92.53	Burgess, Marie	60,165.11	Medeiros, Justin	68,513.96
Eddleston, Jr. Herbert	144.92	Cannon, Laurie	65,882.28	Messer, Brian	91,236.84
Ellis, Anne	92.53	Chace, Susan	16,139.41	Nichols, Joy	108,525.02
Fauteux, Carole	92.53				

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Cox, Todd	4,250.93	Olivera, Wayne	87,952.33	Alphonse, William	1,068.36
Daniel, Brian	2,566.12	Riggs, Brian	86,730.45	Bobola, Andrew	1,904.82
Fletcher, Donn	91,994.12	Roeha, James	64,939.52	Cottill, John	18,417.12
Foster, Stephen	2,888.12	Samanca, Shawn	89,216.84	Dagle, Henry	9,033.75
Furrado, Justin	48.06	Silveira, Douglas	76,119.69	Foslin, Wayne	82,057.26
Gautrean, Nicholas	3,607.14	Therrien, Wally	18,842.74	Lussier, Norman	10,389.24
Horsley, Erik	616.36			Montz, Lisa	40,402.02
Katz, Adam	1,425.06			Poiras, Jr., Roger	107.16
Knowles, G. Boume	3,682.01			Vassoncellos, Kevin	750.12
Martin, Keenan	96.12				
Normandin, Gerald	16.02			WEIGHTS & MEASURES	
Oliveira, Nicholas	8,206.56			Machado, Theodore	6,404.00
Polson, Kevin	1,178.29				
Roeha, Kathleen	1,630.20			EMA DIRECTOR	
Rowe, Garth	2,721.68			Marc Jodoin	1,658.72
Siwk, Christopher	2,102.86				
Souza, James	475.56				
Sie, Marie, Joseph	262.35				
Thatcher, Thomas	2,790.22				
Thatcher, Ian	3,430.76				
Wilson David	4,326.62				
Winnett, Scott	1,071.66				
Wright, Steven	1,184.28				

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Council on Aging

Mon. 5/9, Senior Ctr. 9 a.m.

Cultural Council

Mon., 5/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Economic Devel. Comm.

Thurs., 5/5, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Historical Commission

Wed., 5/11, Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Marine Resources Comm.

Thurs., 5/12, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 5/11, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/23, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting

Sat., 5/7, Hastings M.S., 9 a.m.

Acushnet Meetings

LNG Advisory Comm.

Tues., 5/10, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Mass. Energy Facilities/LNG

Thurs., 5/12, Ford MS, 7 p.m.

Selectboard

Mon., 5/19, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Town Meeting

Mon., 5/23, Ford M.S., 7 p.m.

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Tuesday	17	0544	1809	0047	1250
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FHS boys tennis sweep Bourne



The Fairhaven High School Boys Tennis Team took on South Coast Conference rival Bourne, and left the Hastings Middle School courts with a 6-0 victory. Alex D'Abruzzo outlasted Bourne's Jordan Baracchini, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 in the first singles matchup. Trent Butler won the second singles matchup against Bourne's Matt Caron 6-2, 6-0 and Matt Mitchell continued the singles sweep by winning 6-3, 6-1 in the third singles matchup. The first doubles team of Nick Haman and Nick Beaudin won 6-2, 6-3 and Nate Lopes and Nate Wordell won their second doubles matchup 7-6 (7-3), 6-2. ABOVE LEFT: Alex D'Abruzzo comes in for the back hand shot, as he outlasted Bourne's, Jordan Baracchini, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 in the number one singles matchup. ABOVE MIDDLE: Alex D'Abruzzo leaps to return the shot from behind the baseline. ABOVE RIGHT: Trent Butler charges in to get the low ball. Butler won the second singles matchup against Bourne's Matt Caron 6-2, 6-0. BELOW LEFT: Matt Mitchell lines up the backhand for the return serve as he beat Bourne's Phil Malouin in the third singles matchup 6-3, 6-1. BELOW MIDDLE: Nate Lopes returns the serve in the second doubles matchup. Nate Wordell returns the forehand shot for a point. *Photos by Ryan Feeney.*



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Open Farm Days start on 5/7 at Dartmouth farm

Press Release

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Through robust programming, workshops, internships and apprenticeships RTB aims to build community capacity that fosters the hard and soft skills needed to transition to a localized, circular economy — hopefully resulting in a restorative community. RTB strives to cultivate a community that cares for the health of all and which fosters the inspiration and integration of people, land, animals and planet.

Open Farm Days occur once a month from through December. These are an opportunity for RTB to open its gates to all interested members of the SouthCoast community. Open Farm Days have products for sale such as non-GMO and grass-fed meat, seasonal chemical-free vegetables, local honey, Mass. harvested maple syrup and a sundry of other local products.

In addition, RTB welcomes the public to build personal relationships with the land, their food, and their farmers — a relationship that all too often is anonymous and opaque in modern culture. Open Farm Days always include free guided farm tours, tasty farm samples and friends, both new and old!

RTB's classes and workshops are predominately around food and

farming but also extend into health and wellness, spirituality, natural building, permaculture, social justice and much more. RTB is for life-long learners that seek to grow their skills in innovative and productive ways.

RTB believes everyone should have access to their programs and understands that all of us do not have equal financial resources. Therefore, as part of their model for inclusivity and accessibility, all fee-based programming at RTB includes a scholarship option. Additionally, all fee-based programming at RTB has two price options: a general admission cost and a discounted CSA member cost. The CSA membership cost is applicable to farmers, growers, and to anyone that has a current CSA membership at any local farm on the SouthCoast. RTB does this as a way to thank all who support local farming in our region.

Open Farm Day Calendar

Open Farm Days begin at 10:00am and end at 5:00pm.

May 7, June 11, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17.

Workshop Schedule

Workshops run from 10 a.m.–noon, unless otherwise noted.

May 7: *Cleansing Herbs for Transitioning into Spring* with Hannah Jacobson-Hardy. Learn simple ways of incorporating spring tonics into your diet for promoting cleansing and

detoxification after a long winter.

June 11: *Worm Composting 101.* Learn how to build your own worm compost bin no matter where you live for nutrient-rich soil.

July 16: *A Raw Food Demonstration.* Learn fun and easy tips that will help you to make and enjoy more raw foods in your diet, and not just salads!

Aug. 20: *DIY, Make your own Non-Toxic Cleaning Products.* Simple techniques that will save you money and keep your home free of toxins.

Sept. 17: *Seasonal Extensions.* Learn how to get more out of your garden by extending your growing season.

Sept. 29: 6–8 p.m.: *The Wonderful World of Essential Oils with Dr. Kelley Taylor.* Learn what essential oils can do for you!

Oct. & Nov. are *Fermentation Fervor* months at RTB. Join RTB's fermentation specialist, Laura Killingbeck, for a 4-class fermentation series. For more information, visit <http://roundthebendfarm.org/workshops/>

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SUBSTITUTES CONT.			
Berry, Patrick	1,765.00	Menard, Diane	55.00
Brown, Bradford	29,858.76	Metfite, Cheryl	1,820.00
Campoli, Rachel	240.00	Mignault, Kendra	75.00
Casey, Glenn	1,510.00	Monteiro, Stephanie	435.00
Cha, Mary	260.00	Moszczenski, Stanley Jr.	75.00
Chapentier, Edward L.	980.00	Mullen, Adam	260.00
Cielo, Melissa	2,755.00	Munley, Clare	325.00
Cloper, Melanie	250.00	Nelson, Gary	970.00
Cipressi, George	5,010.00	Noonan, Susan	225.00
Clement, Kathleen	4,323.75	Nunes, Allan	1,347.92
Cole, Brandon	368.92	Palluzzi, David	675.00
Cole, Candida	5,505.00	Pare, Keith	130.00
Curry, Sharon	65.00	Pereira, Ashley	765.00
DeCicco, Michael	55.00	Perron, Kerry	195.00
Delano Jr., John	7,240.00	Perry, Nathan	1,615.00
Delucia, Denise	375.00	Pinto, Kristy	4,080.00
Dempsey, Linda	130.00	Plummer, Kristen	485.00
Desmarais, Gabrielle	240.00	Porte, Ann	1,350.00
Douglass, Mary	1,700.00	Powers, Raquel	1,880.00
Downey, Rosa	933.12	Racine, Andrea	4,875.00
Duarte, Kelsey	1,147.50	Raphael, Margaret	76.00
Edminster, Christina	2,792.00	Rebello, Alexandra	130.00
Emory III, Richard	4,650.00	Ribeiro, Melissa	3,005.00
Farias, Annette	2,550.00	Riccio, Brienne	1,535.00
Fischer, Jennifer	1,060.00	Rice, Lily	6,765.00
Fonseca, Wanderley	150.00	Richard, Tanya	1,035.00
Furuta, Allison	960.00	Richter, Dale	385.00
Garcia, Roxanne	776.25	Robinson, Sandra	525.00
Gomes, Taylor	175.00	Roehr, Janice	7,575.00
Gonsalves, Joshua	2,060.00	Ross, John	9,075.00
Guilbert, David	2,717.76	Saulenas, Alexandra	975.00
Hadley, Theresa	450.00	Schull, Alanna	450.00
Hahn, Diane	385.00	Schultz, Heather	2,825.00
Hathon, Meredith	240.00	Shanburn, Patricia	22.50
James, Catherine	3,676.00	Silva, Carline	2,630.00
Jardin, Michael	75.00	Simon, Douglas	580.00
Joseph, Donna	19.00	Sine, Courtney	55.00
Joseph, Susan	7,650.00	Smith, Veronica	55.00
Kalhorni, Kevin	2,660.00	Sonne, Allyson	4,135.00
Lafion, Meagan	3,000.00	Souza, Cameron	510.00
Lawrence, Peter	1,365.00	Sylvia, Janice	13,892.15
Leal, Bradley	23,533.60	Taylor, Jason	5,575.00
LeClerc, Suzanne	375.00	Tereault, Calistu	445.00
Loer, Martha	110.00	Tichon, Marianne	250.00
Machado, Leah	820.00	Tracey, Kate	130.00
Machado, Nicholas	390.00	Vasconcelos, Garry	6,130.00
Manchester, Patricia	337.50	Vailloux, Joyce	825.00
McKeown, Mary	1,565.00	Viera, Brandon	250.00

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SUBSTITUTES CONT.			
Walton, Kelly	445.00	Wilton, Patricia	685.00
Wilbur, Patricia	521.28	Williams, Robin	1,755.00
Winnett, Heidi	65.00	Wordell, Katherine	55.00
Wordell, Katherine	65.00	Wordell, Matthew	65.00
Worden, Connor	65.00		
LUNCH MONITORS			
Dossantos, Elaine	3,783.51		
Perry, Nancy	257.24		
Rinko, Dale	3,363.00		
Texeira, Heidi	1,197.00		
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
Angelini, Vincenzo	40,153.50		
Cardozo, Philip	49,456.11		
Charbonneau, John	84,924.12		
Cordeira, Michael	45,411.49		
Desroches, Joseph	39,273.02		
Dos Santos, Alessandro	38,258.11		
Gagliardi, John	51,813.80		
Houte, John	40,761.67		
Hurley, Charles	46,139.90		
Lawrence, James	36,693.69		
Martin Jr., Albert	65,929.05		
Martin Jr., James	43,738.46		
Nogueira, Kim	43,495.07		
Patterson, George	36,075.01		
Rusinowski, Mitchell	58,325.58		
Silva, Jorge	61,801.56		
Silva, Kenneth	2,706.10		
Snell, Daniel	44,832.27		
Snell, Daryl	46,425.81		
Souza, Manuel	50,503.74		
BOARD OF HEALTH			
Acksen, Barbara	333.33		
DeTerra, Peter	1,333.34		
Doert, Joseph	650.00		
Fowle, Patricia	73,510.70		
Gordon, Lindsay	1,000.01		
Lopes, Jeannine	1,333.34		
COUNCIL ON AGING			
Alfonse, Christine	12,369.10		
Barcellos Jr., Frank	11,414.03		
Brodour, Michael	7,757.95		
Cookinham, Joyce	38,488.10		
Dauteuil, Lucille	29,412.30		
Gagnon, David	3,680.96		
Harrison, Margaret	9,521.29		
Hebert Jr., Leon	755.76		
Holmes, David	6,194.38		
Houghton, Rosemarie	33,237.54		
Morales, Julio	375.60		
Pequina, Phyllis	4,850.70		
Richard, Evelyn	55.80		
Roderiques, Susan	30,530.61		
Silva, Anne	54,335.00		
SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Barlow, Lee	55,271.63		
Bonneau, Joseph	50,631.72		
Costa, Russell	38,013.28		
Furates, Joseph	59,257.31		
Furtrade, Jeffrey	64,105.18		
Gomes, Robert	54,577.93		
Hathaway, Dana	49,405.79		
SEWER DEPARTMENT CONT.			
Lutz, Manuel	37,261.28		
Machado, Joseph	23,081.20		
Manzono, Matthew	51,248.33		
Oliveira, Victor	50,986.51		
Paczosa, Raymond	72,008.54		
Paulson, Charlene	39,657.53		
Perry, Tyler	2,506.11		
Pinarad, Douglas	63,779.14		
Robillard, Rene	72,782.98		
Schick, Linda	87,549.12		
Winderlick, Kyle	57,911.18		
WATER DEPARTMENT			
Bowers, Jonathan	51,879.26		
Costa, Jeffrey	54,126.79		
Farrall, William	55,695.57		
Fleurant, Karl	73,253.09		
Fortin, Edward	89,016.87		
Gadomski, Stanley	54,621.00		
Pinarad, Benjamin	4,205.00		
Souza, Joshua	45,047.47		
Vento, Rebecca	31,553.97		
Wilson, Joyce	35,925.33		

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DEPT./NAME	YTD. GROSS	DEPT./NAME	YTD. GROSS
COUNCIL ON AGING CONT.			
Simmmons, Paul	12,400.06	Pinard, Richard	54,774.12
Snell, Cecile	3,461.86	Riley, Connor	6,583.52
Vandenburgh, Cynthia	36,080.67	Sohral, Nathan	5,402.58
VETERAN'S SERVICES			
Belencourt, Jane	15,512.34	Sutrevant, Jewlya	1,475.53
Cochran, James	27,332.62	Tavares, Courtney	2,451.74
RECREATION CENTER			
Audrade, Hannah	958.53	Young, Michael	3,291.74
Andre, Eamonn	4,580.60	GOVERNMENT ACCESS	
Andre, Richard	5,705.60	Avila, Meghan	4,526.22
Batardi, Julie	2,282.50	Biasingame, Donna	3,704.94
Bergeron, Corey	2,052.35	Fernandes, Bethany	1,734.19
Burstein, Zadek	632.75	Fike, Keegan	2,398.29
Cziska, Matthew	14,962.79	Romano, Andrew	2,294.41
Dias, Keeve	107.10	INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THE	
Dompierre, Jacob	13,586.20	TREASURERS OFFICE.	
Doyle, Nicholas	640.81	EMPLOYEE'S GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE	
Earl, Marissa	936.99	CALENDAR YEAR 2015.	
Elliot, Benjamin	1,416.24	POLICE EARNINGS REFLECTS: REGULAR,	
Fitzsimmons, Colton	1,639.73	OVERTIME, AND OFF DUTY EARNINGS	
Franks, Kyle	977.39	PAID BY THIRD PARTY VENDORS.	
Gadbois, Grant	6,540.83		
Gibeau, Nancy	2,225.00		
Girouard, Courtney	12,607.87		
Kelly, Sarah	3,342.41		
Koczera, Kayla	1,117.38		
Lawrence, Jennifer	12,488.70		
Lima, Allison	2,238.36		
Lopes, Jenna	1,573.83		
Martin, Rachel	39,652.00		
Martin, Zackary	15,539.28		
Mendes, Jordan	15,085.67		
Myers, Matthew	2,073.61		
Oliveira, Alyson	3,856.36		
Pereira, Ryan	1,853.97		
Renschtausen, Warren	54,560.00		
Ristuccia, Donna	8,781.23		
Viera, David	7,402.91		
PARKS DEPARTMENT			
Arbec, Noah	6,490.72		
Charles, Shane	478.52		
Fretas, Cassie	1,242.43		
Hartig, Mara	1,952.06		
Mamatus, Madison	2,526.18		
McNamara, Rachel	2,339.49		

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In smaller spending items requested by residents, TM will be asked for \$1600 for two street lights: One on Roy Street and one on Balsam Street.

The Fire Department will withdraw two articles, 18 and 19, from the Annual TM for new fire equipment. The articles were matching funds for grants that the department applied for, but did not receive, so they withdrew the requests.

Non spending items include a street acceptance request petitioned by residents for Welcome Street, which has been recommended; and a street acceptance request for Reservation Road, which has not been recommended.

Other articles that have already stirred up some resident interest and are bound to get some discussion,

include two bylaw changes proposed by the Planning Board.

Article 33 of the Annual TM would have changed some restrictions on used car lots. The addition of "boats" to the bylaw caused a huge backlash from marina owners and the Fairhaven Shipyard. The Planning Board has voted to pass over the article at town meeting and go back to the drawing board.

Article 32 is also a PB bylaws change that would require, among other things, developers to post a bond for projects requiring a special permit, equal to at least 15% of the cost of the project. Some business owners objected to the idea at a Selectboard meeting. That board voted to go on record as not supporting the article, but it is the Planning Board that petitioned it.

The BPW is also requesting a couple of bylaws changes, including a change to protect water resources, that would include prohibiting anyone from removing water from streams and wetlands.

Two bylaws will also change some language related to the town's reorganization to a Town Administrator form of government. Since the town voted not to eliminate the BPW, that language will be written out of the changes and sent to the legislature for approval, along with removing all references to the Executive Secretary in the bylaws in articles 34 and 36.

**The town meeting warrant and Finance Committee report with all the numbers are available on our website at www.NeighbNews.com and on the town's website, www.fairhaven-ma.gov.*



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