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**Teeming with information you need.**  
**(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)**

## Town employee's kickball games need teams



The town of Fairhaven's Wellness Committee has been scheduling kickball games against local businesses and organizations, but is having a bit of trouble getting people to actually show up. If you are a town employee or related to a town employee, you are invited to play on the town's team. If you own a business, or just want to organize some of your co-workers to take on the town, you are welcome to do so. Contact Linda Schick at 508-979-4030 for details. ABOVE: The group that played at Cushman Park on Tuesday, 10/3, included town employees and the women of the Mass Attack Roller Derby league. The teams were mixed. See page 18 for more photos. *Photo by Ryan Feeny*



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

We've got a bunch of great stuff coming up this weekend.

On Saturday, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism is holding its annual Harvest Fun Day (see page 12).

This is a great event to celebrate autumn. The end of summer...alas, is here. At least we can celebrate the harvest, the fruits of all that hot summer sun.

Then on Sunday, the Fire Department is holding its annual open house (see page 5). We're hoping and hoping that Hurricane Matthew keeps heading east as predicted.

If the weather cooperates, the event will include fire demonstrations. Cross your fingers, and see you there.

Okay, so summer is over (sniff, sniff), the weather is cooling off, and that means.....HALLOWEEN! Yup, it's that time of year again.

I need your Halloween yards.

Do NOT assume that I have your name and address from previous years. I need to know that you are, indeed, decorating this year.

Please email to [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net), and tell me your address, if you have a decorated yard or a full-fledge walk-through haunt, and if you have any special hours for viewing.

The deadline to be included in the Halloween Trail issue is 10/14. We'll be publishing the Halloween Trail on 10/20 to give people time to plan on going. The 10/27 issue will be cutting it too close, I think.

So...send in those pictures!

It's time for the REAL Halloweentown to come alive!

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. The Selectboard held a goal setting meeting (page 22) to talk about...well, goals (can you tell it's getting late?).

The regular Selectboard meeting was held this week, too (page 4). The board approved the idea of replacing the cupola on the Oxford School building.

Then, somewhere in the conversation, Mr. Rees told the board that they can't find the deed to the school. They had to hire an "expert" to find it.

Aiyiyi Lucy!!!! We've been working on the sale of this building for...how many years? And no one checked out the deed? Oh...I just deleted a whole bunch of foolishness about the deed. Use your imagination.

Until next week then...see ya,

## Calling all Halloween Yards

Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture. Email: [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net); USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. **Deadline 10/14.**



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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

On last week's cover, we erroneously attributed the photo. It was taken by Beth David. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# Early voting in Mass. starts on 10/24; register by 10/19

*From press release materials*

All registered voters in Massachusetts will be able to vote before Election Day (11/8) for the first time in the state. Early voting will begin on Monday 10/24 and continue through 11/4. Previously, in order to vote before election day, voters had to use an absentee ballot and had to state one of three reasons why they needed an absentee ballot. That option is still available, but early voting is different.

Early voting is available to every registered voter, and voters do not have to give a reason for voting early. All municipalities in Massachusetts are required to offer early voting.

Voters still must be registered to vote, and must be registered by October 19 at 8 p.m. Voters may visit

To check to see if you are registered to vote, and to find information on how to register to vote, you may visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: [www.sec.state.ma.us/ele](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele). If you need to register to vote, you may do it online by visiting: [www.RegisterToVoteMA.com](http://www.RegisterToVoteMA.com). All you need is a license or I.D. issued by the Registry of Motor

Vehicles to apply online.

Residents may register to vote at their town/city clerk's office. Fairhaven's town clerk office will be open until 8 p.m. on October 19, for residents to register.

*PLEASE NOTE: Once a voter has cast an early voting ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day.*

## In Fairhaven

In Fairhaven, early voting can be done in person at the **Fairhaven Fire Station Meeting Room at 146 Washington Street** during the following dates and times: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For public convenience, Fairhaven has also decided to offer week-end hours on Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street.

## In Acushnet

In Acushnet, early voting can be done at **Town Hall, 122 Main St.**, Monday, October, 10/24, through Friday, November, 11/4, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the following Tuesdays:

October 25th and November 1st, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## By Mail

Those voters interested in early voting by mail may do so by completing an Early Voting application found on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele> and mailing the completed application to

- **Acushnet Residents:** Acushnet Town Clerk, 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.
- **Fairhaven Residents:** Town Clerk's Office, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

## From the Secretary of State

For the first time in Massachusetts, the first choice all voters will make is which day to vote. Early voting will make the most fundamental right of our citizens more convenient than ever to exercise. We encourage all of our citizens to exercise that right and take advantage of the opportunity to vote on their schedules.

For more information, visit <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/>

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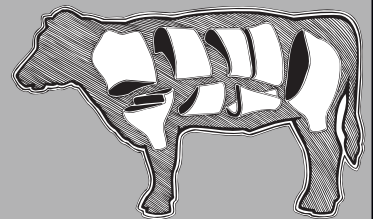


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# Cupola project gets OK from Selectboard; RRR needs new plan

By Beth David  
Editor

With two of three appointments cancelled, the Fairhaven Selectboard had an early night on Monday, 10/3. A hearing for Dussault Auto Sales was continued, and a meeting with Adam Whynot was also continued.

The Bell Committee and the Rogers-Oxford Committee members were on hand, though, to discuss the plans for replacing the cupola of the Oxford School. When the Paul Revere bell was removed from the building last October, the cupola also had to be removed. Unfortunately, the cupola got damaged.

The Committee members had always hoped to have the cupola replaced, said Bell Committee chairperson Doug Brady. He and Rogers-Oxford chairperson Nils Isaaksen said members of both committees were excited to get the cupola back in place and restore the skyline.

Mr. Isaaksen said he thinks about it every time he drives by and sees the spot where the cupola used to be.

Keith Silvia, a local contractor, created the plans for rebuilding the

cupola, which has been in storage since being removed.

"I believe we're in good hands," said Mr. Isaaksen.

The next step is to get the plans to the Stratford Group, which is slated to buy the building and convert it to senior housing. They have agreed to allow the town to return the cupola, but they need to approve the plan.

The Bell Committee has enlisted the help of the same volunteers who removed the bell free of charge, including Mr. Silvia and A#1 Crane Company.

"It has always been our goal...to get the cupola back up," said Mr. Brady.

John Medeiros, from the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, said the NFIA would like to see a bell in the cupola. If they can find an appropriate bell to go in the spot, it will be installed with the cupola. If they cannot find one in time, then the cupola will go up without a bell.

The famed Revere Bell will remain in the possession of the town, and not put on the building. The Bell Committee is looking for an appropriate place to display the Revere Bell, where it will be available to the public, but

secure from theft.

Mr. Brady said they are not sure if the weather vane can be replaced with the cupola. He said they are still working on it.

During the discussion about the bell, Town Administrator Mark Rees told the board that there has been some difficulty locating the deed for the Oxford School building. He said the town hired an expert to find it.

In another matter, Mr. Rees told the board that Moody's, the bond credit rating service, seemed poised to upgrade the town's rating. He said the town had a "negative outlook" last time, but after a phone conference, he felt the new information would change the rating to "positive."

The board approved a site plan for Fairhaven Gas, 134 Huttleston Ave., reducing the number of cars allowed on the lot to 17, from 33.

Last year, the town required all new and used car lots in town to have engineered site plans which clearly showed where cars are parked. The aim was to make sure car lots and service stations were not using the

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**ICE HOUSE**  
BAR & GRILL

**ENTERTAINMENT:**  
Fri., 10/7, Dave Charnley Band, 8 p.m.–Mid.  
Sat., 10/8, RT. 18, 8 p.m.–Mid.  
Fri., 10/14, DJ Pat Long, 8 p.m.–Mid.  
Sat., 10/15, Dave Charnley Band, 8 p.m.–Mid.

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**Deadline 10/14**

**Calling all Halloween Yards**

Want to share your Halloween expertise with your neighbors? Send pictures of your yard to the *Neighb News* and we'll share them with our readers. Or call us at 508-979-5593 and we'll try to swing by and take a picture ourselves. Email: [NeighbNews@comcast.net](mailto:NeighbNews@comcast.net); USPS: 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719.

**Halloween Map**

Want to be on the Halloween map? Email Manny Souza, [oleoxfordhaunt@gmail.com](mailto:oleoxfordhaunt@gmail.com) and he'll include you in his map of spooky yards, which we will publish in our annual Halloween issue. Find the map at: [www.communitywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven](http://www.communitywalk.com/Hauntedfairhaven)

# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Elvis Tribute Artist

See Elvis Tribute Artist Frank W. on on **Oct. 7 & 8, at VFW, 109 Middle St., Fairhaven.** To benefit the VFW.

**Tickets are \$25** and include Elvis Show, DJ Dancing, Spaghetti Dinner (dinner starts promptly at 6). Limited seating. Call 508-997-1707 for tickets.

## Harvest Fun Day

**Sat., 10/8, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fairhaven Visitors Ctr, 141 Main St.**  
*See page 12 for more details.*

## Fire Open House

The Fairhaven Fire & EMS Department welcomes local families to a **Free Public Safety Open House on Sun., 10/9 from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Fire Dept. headquarters, 146 Washington St., Fairhaven.** The event aims to teach families safety and prevention practices, and includes **live fire demonstrations.**

The open house will be held at Fire Department Headquarters, 146 Washington Street in Fairhaven.

## Mattresses for homeless

The First Congregational Church, 34 Center St., Fairhaven, is collecting clean plastic grocery shopping bags and weaving them into mattresses for homeless individuals this winter. The object is to keep them dry as they lie on ground or benches. We are holding a group weaving **after our 10 a.m. service on Sun., 10/16.**

Please join us. Call , 508-993-3368.

## Thrift Store

Heavenly Treasures Thrift Store, Open 10 AM - 1 PM Wednesdays and Saturdays, First Congregational Church, William Street Entrance, Fairhaven. Come See Our **New Fall and Halloween Items**

## SAVE THE DATES

### Meet & Greet

All residents are invited to a Meet and Greet with Town Administrator Mark Rees on Wed., 10/19, at 7 p.m., NFIA headquarters 267 Adams Street (formerly Fire Station 3) Sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association [www.northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com](http://www.northfairhavenimprovementassoc.weebly.com)

## Blessing of the Animals

At First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, 34 Center Street on Sat., 10/22, 1:00 p.m. on the Church Lawn

## Haunted Academy

Haunted house at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 141 Main St., on 10/28, from 6-9 p.m. FREE frights and treats.

## Horribles Parade

Annual Halloween parade sponsored by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. On Sun., 10/30, 5 p.m. March down Main Street from Benoit Square to St. Mary's Church. Prizes. Treats. FREE.

## Book Group

**On Thurs., 10/20, at 10:00 a.m., at the Millicent Library, 45 Center St., Fairhaven,** the Thursday morning book group will discuss Marilynne Robinson's Book, *LILA*. Readers will find a beautifully crafted novel about a young, lonely, homeless woman, raised by a vagabond woman, rough at the edges, who falls in love and marries elderly Reverend John Ames. Their differing views on spiritual matters and the Bible's teachings makes Ames question his own heart.

This book is available for borrowing through SAILS, the inter-library site, or at the Millicent Library. The book discussion is free, all are welcome. Use the Walnut Street entrance, which is accessible. For more information, please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745.

## Farmer's Market

Fairhaven Farmer's Market runs **from 1-4 p.m. every Sunday through mid October.** At Fairhaven High School, 12 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven

Buy fresh local produce and other products from area farmers. Entertainment will be available occasionally during market hours. Access the parking lot off Main Street to the rear of the Academy Building. Handicap parking. Free admission. Coordinated by the Fairhaven Sustainability Comm.

## Free Speaker Series

SouthCoast Progressive Voices (SCPV), sponsored and organized by The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven, will host a series of seminars this fall to explore ideas

through conversations with experts in fields of broad public interest, including but not limited to current affairs of a local, regional or national nature. This series will gather individuals from the local community for two-hour engaging discussion sessions, which will take place at the **Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, MA** and will be open to the public. In lieu of charging for this series, donations will be gladly accepted.

**Spirituality for Nonreligious People, 7:00 p.m., October 12** Can one be spiritual while a nonbeliever or a member of no religious denomination? Presented by Chris Stedman, author of *Faithist*, a New York Times best seller; alumni of Meadville Lombard Theological School, and Executive Director of Yale University's Humanist Community. Register online at <http://bit.ly/SpiritualityforNonReligious>

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven (UUSF) forms a vibrant, compassionate and safe spiritual community that encourages free religious expression and lifelong learning. Sunday Worship Service is held at 10:30 a.m.

Visit us at [www.uufairhaven.org](http://www.uufairhaven.org).

## Elder/Consumer Fraud for Caregivers, 7:00 p.m., November 9

What you should know to protect yourself, those in your care and those you love. Presented by Lucilia Prates, Director for the Massachusetts Senior Medicare Patrol Program. Register at <http://bit.ly/ElderConsumerFraud>

## Authors Invited

The Friends of the Millicent Library invite South Coast authors to sell and sign their books during Fairhaven's Old Time Holiday, Saturday, December 10, from 10 to 2. The event will be held in the library's community auditorium. Authors who wish to read from their work will be assigned a fifteen-minute slot.

There is no charge to authors or attendees, but we hope that authors will donate a copy of their book to the Millicent Library. An application is required.

For more information and an application form, please write to the Friends at [friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmillicentlibrary@gmail.com)

# Oktoberfest and beer swap brings out the West Island faithful



The annual Oktoberfest at the West Island Improvement Association community hall signals the end of summer and the winding down of activities until next year. This year's Oktoberfest took place on Saturday, 10/2, and featured a beer swap, bratwurst and sauerkraut, and music by Mike Higgins.

ABOVE LEFT, L-R: Matthew Brodo and Bob Konicki pick through the beers in the beer boat at Oktoberfest. ABOVE RIGHT, L-R: Cathi Manning Konicki, Grace Nadeau Barnes, Stacy Moulding, Alice Moulding Walczak and Donna Goulart pose for the local free sheet. LEFT, L-R: Marc Dunn and Bob Moulding are all dressed up for the occasion

*Photos by Beth David.*

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**Fairhaven Office of Tourism's**

# **HARVEST FUN DAY**



**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Fairhaven Visitors Center at the Academy Building  
141 Main Street at Route 6**

**Local Arts, Crafts, Decor & More  
Children's Activities  
Visits & Photos with Princesses  
Food, Beverages, Yummy Treats  
Bounce House, Tractor Photos  
Make a Tie-Dye Shirt  
Fun for Everyone**

**Musical Guests**



**<http://FairhavenTours.com>**

**508-979-4085**

# HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

## Rummage Sale

Pilgrim United Church of Christ. Good clothing, jewelry, books, household items, much more!

**Fri., 10/7, from 5-8 p.m., and Sat., 10/8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Pilgrim Church Home, 635 Purchase St., New Bedford** To donate items please call Lora: 508-998-1718

Proceeds to benefit church programs. Free admission. Bargains for all!

## Benefit Cruise

The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center will host a sunset harbor cruise fundraiser aboard the **M/V Cuttyhunk on Sat., 10/8 from 5-7 pm.** Passengers will enjoy live music, a cash bar and light refreshments. Musical entertainment by Joanne Doherty and Jon Campbell.

Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at the Fishing Heritage Center, 38 Bethel St., New Bedford. Reserve tickets at 508-993-8894 or by email: [info@fishingheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@fishingheritagecenter.org). All proceeds will benefit the Center's programs, exhibits and daily operations. Visit [www.fishingheritagecenter.org](http://www.fishingheritagecenter.org).

## Fire Demo

The New Bedford Fire Department invites local families to attend a **free open house at Fire Station 2 in Downtown New Bedford, 868 Pleasant St., Wed., 10/12 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** The Open House is part of the Fire Department's S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program aimed at teaching area families about fire safety and prevention best practices.

## Scrimshaw Seminar

Have you ever wanted to learn more about scrimshaw, the indigenous shipboard art of 19th century whalers? Now you can, guided by one of the world's foremost authorities on scrimshaw at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, NB, on Sat., 10/8 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Scrimshaw 101 is a one-day illustrated seminar presented by Stuart M. Frank, Ph.D., Senior Curator Emeritus of the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the faculty of the Scrimshaw Forensics® team.

Registration: Whaling Museum **Members: \$35; Non-Members: \$50;** includes two coffee breaks, buffet lunch, all study material, and admission to all Whaling Museum galleries.

**Register at [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org) or by calling 508-997-0046 ext. 100.** Handouts, bibliographies and reference materials will be provided. Topics will include definitions, distinguishing characteristics of authentic whalers' work, technical background, attention to pictorial works, authenticating scrimshaw, restoring scrimshaw and more.

## Walkabout NB

On October 13th we invite you to take a Walkabout of Downtown. Explore New Bedford's rich history and outstanding architecture. Local experts lead tours through the west end, on the waterfront and perhaps some lesser known byways. Stroll the William & Purchase Street corridors for plenty of arting, eating & shopping.

Visit [www.ahanewbedford.org](http://www.ahanewbedford.org), or call 508 996-8253 x205 for details.

## Whale Park 20 years

On November 12, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park celebrates its 20th Anniversary. In 1996, legislation was enacted by Congress creating the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. Today, the National Park Service, along with many local, regional, and national partners, preserves, protects, and interprets this history.

To commemorate the occasion, the National Historical Park is working with its partner organizations to host a month-long series of events leading up to the anniversary.

**On October 13, the month-long series of events kicks off with in conjunction with AHA!** The park and the Whaling History Alliance present, *Call Me Ishmael*, a spoken

word and dance performance by the Festival Ballet of Providence and New Bedford High School.

**This free performance will be at Custom House Square at 5:30 PM. Later that evening, from 7- 8 p.m.,** the park will host the band Cold Chocolate, an exciting Americana band with a unique sound that fuses bluegrass and folk with a dash of funk, in the park's garden. For more events downtown that night, see [www.ahanewbedford.org](http://www.ahanewbedford.org).

Other October events:

- October 21 - a free screening of *The Last Bay Scallop?*, a film by Nantucketer John Stanton, will be shown as part of the Fishing Heritage Center's Dock-u-Mentaries film series and co-sponsored by the Buzzards Bay Coalition
- October 22 - a new interactive Junior Ranger program offered on where participants follow the lives of two young people as they make their way through 1800s New Bedford
- October 29 - a free public lecture by Manisha Sinha on the history of abolition, hosted by the New Bedford Historical Society at the New Bedford Free Public Library

## SAVE THE DATE

### Book Fest, Meet Authors

New Bedford Book Fest will be held on Sat. & Sun., 10/15 & 16, from 11-4, at Groundwork, 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford. Free and open to the public. More than 40 local and regional authors will be at the bookfest, ready to talk about and sell their books to an eager reading public.

Authors will read from their work all day Saturday, October 15. Cafe tables will allow guests to get casual and settle in for a good story. Also, a dedicated Children's Books Room will welcome guests of all ages.

On Sunday, Oct. 16, in addition to Lauren Daley at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Karen Petit will hold a special presentation at 12 noon entitled, "Writing Creatively with Dreams, Pictures, and Research." Additional readings may also be scheduled.

Visit [newbedfordcoworking.com](http://newbedfordcoworking.com). You can follow bookfest news there or at [NewBedfordNow.com](http://NewBedfordNow.com).



## Bird Meeting

The Paskemansett Bird Club's October meeting will be at **7:30 pm on Wed., 10/14, at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horse-neck Road, S. Dartmouth.** Jonathan Waage, Professor Emeritus, Brown University, will reveal how Palm Beach County Florida is dealing with balancing water management issues and conservation, with some amazing results.

Professor Waage will present a brief overview of the major water issues facing Florida and the remarkable water treatment wetlands, Green Cay and Wakodahatchee, that are helping to address these issues. The two wetlands now attract local seniors seeking exercise, local school kids looking for outdoor entertainment, and wildlife photographers from all over the world to a shared natural experience in the midst of the densely populated Florida East Coast. We will explore the miles of boardwalks that provide amazing photographic opportunities for birds and alligators as well as occasional otters and bobcats. The wildlife is fairly accustomed to humans on boardwalks above them and thus provide many glimpses into their daily lives.

Professor Waage taught and did research in the areas of ecology, evolution and behavioral ecology for 38 years at Brown before retiring to South Dartmouth. Currently, he works with the education program at Buttonwood Park Zoo and gives talks and walks for DNRT.

The meeting is free, open to the public, and accessible.

## Family Fun Fest

Ocean State Theatre Company is thrilled to open the 2016-17 Family Fun Fest with the Rhode Island Premiere of the award-winning new musical, *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical* for one performance only on Sat., 10/8, at 11:00 am.

*Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical* is a catchy, upbeat, contemporary musical, which follows 8-year-old Lily Polkadot, who just moved to the "Squares Only" small town of Rockaway. As the first Polkadot in an all Square school, Lily faces an almost

impossible task of gaining acceptance from her peers. From daily bullying, to segregated drinking fountains, Lily's quest seems hopeless until she meets Sky, a shy Square boy whose curiosity for her unique polkadot skin blooms into an unexpected friendship. Polkadots celebrates diversity and resonates across all ages.

The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Single tickets are \$10.00 each with packages of three Family Fun Fest shows or more for \$8.00 per ticket. For tickets call 401-921-6800 or visit [www.OceanStateTheatre.org](http://www.OceanStateTheatre.org)

Introduce your child to the magic of live theatre at the new state-of-the-art Ocean State Theatre!

## Church Dinner

Join us on Sat., 10/22 for dinner at 5:30 pm: Apple Glazed Pork Roast Dinner, mashed potatoes, veggies and dessert. By The Ways and Means Society, Acushnet Wesley Methodist Church, 67 Main St, Acushnet, MA.

**Advance purchase, NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$12 adults, Children 10 and under \$8**

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## Museum Day Trip

Travel in comfort aboard a luxury motorcoach to experience the world-class collections at **Yale University in New Haven on Wed., 10/19.** View the largest collection of British art outside of the United Kingdom, and experience one of the world's largest libraries devoted solely to rare books, all in a single day.

This Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum fall trip to New Haven includes docent-led tours of the Yale Center for British Art and the Yale University Art Gallery. The Yale Center for British Art's building is a treasure to see in and of itself. It was the last building to be built by internationally acclaimed American architect Louis I. Kahn and will be exhibiting *Spreading Canvas: Eighteenth Century British Marine Painting*, which explores the links between traditional marine painting and Britain's rise in imperial power.

Continue celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service by viewing a special exhibit entitled *Yosemite: Exploring the*

Incomparable Valley, which reflects how Americans were inspired to capture the vistas and natural wonders of the western landscape, as well as experience new botanical and geological discoveries.

Furniture enthusiasts can enjoy the new exhibit *Art and Industry in Early America: Rhode Island Furniture, 1650-1830* at the Gallery. Experience the newly renovated Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library's iconic building, which houses over 180,000 volumes, including the Gutenberg Bible and Audubon's *Birds of America*.

Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the nearby eateries and free time to do a bit of exploring. Sit back and relax in a luxury motorcoach, with a restroom. **The bus departs from the RJD at 8:00 am; with an anticipated return of 5:30 pm. The cost is \$60 for members; \$70 for non-members. Contact the museum at 508-997-1401 to make a reservation.**

## Local Craft Spirits Festival

For fans of spirits, food, and all things local comes the most anticipated event of the fall, the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts' **Local Craft Spirits Festival on Sat., 10/15, 3pm-7pm** (rain date: 10/16) in **Cambridge's Central Square Cultural District** at the Landsdowne Street Quad (between Franklin and Pilgrim Streets), next to University Park.

This massive love fest of local goodness is a unique opportunity to taste, discover, socialize, and network with dozens of local distilleries, cideries, meaderies, breweries, artisan beverage brewers, and local food producers, all the while savoring local music and celebrating local spirits!

Meet the makers behind the distilled products and artisan craft beverages, participate in cocktail demos, enjoy local food, and help choose Boston's best local craft mixologist at our Local Craft Cocktail Throwdown competition.

**Admission is \$45 Early Bird/\$50 General Admission/\$75 VIP. Tickets are available through Eventbrite at [localcraftspirits.eventbrite.com](http://localcraftspirits.eventbrite.com).**

# Recipe of the Week

## Mussels with White Wine and Leeks

- 2 1/2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 1/4 cups thinly sliced leek
- 3/4 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 tsp grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 lbs small mussels, cleaned
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper

Heat butter and olive oil in a large stockpot over med-high heat. Add leek to pan, cook 1-2 minutes or until softened, stirring occasionally. Add wine, lemon rind, and juice to pan. Bring to a simmer.

Add mussels to pan. Cover; cook 3 minutes or until mussels open, gently shaking pan 1 to 2 times during cooking. Discard any unopened shells. Remove pan from heat.

Spoon mussels into a large, shallow serving bowl. Stir salt and pepper into broth, and pour over mussels in bowl. Serve immediately.

Serve with crusty bread and feel free to sop up the broth.

*From Cooking Light, Sept. 2016*

### To share a recipe with your neighbors

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# NH law banning ballot selfies overturned

*Press Release*

## First Amendment Coalition

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit on 9/28 overturned a New Hampshire law banning “ballot selfies,” saying the law unconstitutionally restricts the First Amendment rights of all voters.

The New England First Amendment Coalition in April filed an amicus brief in the case arguing that the law is an unconstitutional restriction on free speech and could impede the public’s ability to monitor its government.

The case, *Rideout v. Gardner*, involves three New Hampshire voters who posted images of their ballots on social media sites and were threatened with prosecution under N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 659:35. The statute was amended in 2014 to prohibit “taking a digital image or photograph of [one’s] marked ballot and distributing or sharing the image via social media.”

Attorneys Andrew Sellars and Christopher Bavitz at the Harvard Law School Cyberlaw Clinic drafted and filed an amicus brief in the case on behalf of NEFAC. The Keene Sentinel joined the brief in support. Organizations such as the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and Snapchat filed their own amicus briefs addressing the statute’s First Amendment implications.

“As amici point out,” the court wrote in its decision, “there is an increased use of social media and ballot selfies in particular in service of political speech by voters. A ban on ballot selfies would suppress a large swath of political speech, which occupies the core of the protection afforded by the First Amendment.”

The law represents the latest effort

by New Hampshire to prevent vote buying and voter coercion schemes. The state, however, could not provide evidence that such practices are actually occurring and the court found the statute in question was not narrowly tailored to protect

First Amendment rights.

“First, the prohibition on ballot selfies reaches and curtails the speech rights of all voters, not just those motivated to cast a particular vote for illegal reasons,” according to the decision. “Second, the state has not demonstrated that the other state and federal laws prohibiting vote corruption are not already adequate to the justifications it has identified.”

In its amicus brief, NEFAC argued that images of ballots are routinely used to monitor the government, participate in political discussions and promote civic engagement:

“The Supreme Court has long recognized the importance of a free press in providing information to the public and acting as a ‘powerful antidote to any abuses of power by governmental officials.’ Today, that function — especially at the local level — is greatly aided by the ability of all citizens to freely document their daily life. And beyond a watchdog function, the common use of photos of ballots to promote civic engagement is worthy of protection in its own right.”

The coalition also argued that photography is protected by the First Amendment and can communicate ideas that words alone cannot, a point emphasized by the court in its decision:

“New Hampshire may not impose such a broad restriction on speech by banning ballot selfies in order to combat an unsubstantiated and hypothetical danger,” the court wrote. “We repeat the old adage: a picture is worth a thousand words.”

NEFAC was formed in 2006 to advance and protect the Five Freedoms of the First Amendment, including the principle of the public’s right to know. We’re a broad-based organization of people who believe in the power of an informed democratic society. Our members include lawyers, journalists, historians, academics and private citizens.

Our coalition is funded through contributions made by those who value the First Amendment and who strive to keep government accountable. To learn more or donate, visit <http://nefirstamendment.org>



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# Harvest fun day to celebrate autumn with activities & vendors

## Press Release

Bring the family to celebrate autumn at Fairhaven's annual Harvest Fun Day, to be held this Saturday, October 8, on the lawn of Fairhaven High School at the Visitors Center, 141 Main Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Harvest Fun Day features a varied group of more than 40 booths by local organizations and businesses with arts & crafts, home décor and clothing, children's activities, food and sweet treats.

Children's activities include a bounce house, face painting and henna designs by Heart Henna, tie-dye shirt making with the BCC Nursing Class of 2017, craft making with Learning House Preschool, and other games and activities. You can meet well known princesses from Princesses of New Bedford and Buttons the Bear from Carousel Family Fun Center. And children can take a seat in an old-time farm tractor for a photo opportunity, courtesy of Ronald Hammond.

Items for sale include woven paracord bracelets, pressed flowers mounted in glass, doll bedding and accessories, homemade soaps, body scrubs, photographs by James Mahaney, sea glass jewelry, decorative wreaths, decorations made from seashells, wooden decorations and furnishings, pet treats and accessories, crochet and knit baby blankets and hats, hand painted mugs and plates, hand woven rag rugs, block prints and more.

When hunger sets in, food choices include caçoila sandwiches and hotdogs from the North Fairhaven Improvement Association booth, as well as chowder and kale soup from The Bayside Lounge. The Nook will have cold and hot coffees and sweet treats. Emma Jean's will be selling apple cider donuts, fruit pies, whoopie pies, and other treats. The Lions Club is offering apple crisp. There will also be fudge from Dorothy Cox's, Del's Frozen Lemonade, baked goods from the VFW Auxiliary, bottled water and soda.

During the afternoon, live entertainment will be provided by the youth singing group The Showstoppers.

Harvest Fun Day is organized and sponsored by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism. For more information, call 508-979-4085 or email FairhavenTours@aol.com.

## Vendor List

- 1 Fairhaven Lions Club, apple crisp
- 2 FHS Honor Society, bottled water
- 3 Emma Jean's, apple cider donuts, whoopie pies, candy apples, etc.
- 4 North Fairhaven Improvement Association, caçoila sandwiches, hotdogs, soda
- 5 Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, Del's Frozen Lemonade, fudge
- 6 Fort Phoenix Auxiliary VFW 2892, homemade breads and pies, etc.
- 7 Mermaid's Treasures, nautical items made from shells and found objects
- 8 FHS Art Club, bracelets, hand crafted items

- aromatherapy products
- 18 Transparency in Bloom, pressed flowers in glass frames and vintage windows
- 19 Carol Burt, wreath & things
- 20 Peggy O'Neil, beads
- 21 Taylor's Products, hand painted mugs, plates, platters,
- 22 Marie C Machado, handmade jewelry
- 23 Cathy Carvalho, body scrubs, bowties
- 24 Sew Hooked: handmade children's dresses & accessories
- 25 Baby Doll Bedding and Boas, doll bedding and sleeping bags
- 26 Helena DeSousa, crochet/knitted baby blankets, character hats, wooden tic-tac-toe games
- 27 Fairhaven Bikeway Committee, info, coloring sheets
- 28 Learning House Preschool, children's craft making
- 29 Carousel Family Fun Center, meet Buttons the Bear,
- 30 Fairhaven Business Association, children's activity
- 31 Fairhaven Village Militia, bounce house, popcorn, T-shirts
- 32 Ronnie Donnelly, toys & novelties
- 33 George McAndrew, woven elastic bracelets
- 34 BCC Nursing Class of 2017: make your own tie-dyed shirt
- 35 Princesses of New Bedford, meet and take photos with princesses
- 36 Heart Henna & Face Painting, face painting, henna



- 9 Simply Sisters Creations, wreaths, wooden ornaments, sugar scrubs
- 10 Nautical Treasures by Geo. Thatcher, wooden lawn decorations
- 11 The Nook, cold and hot coffee beverages, baked goods
- 12 Bayside Lounge, chowder, kale soup
- 13 Tastefully Simple by Pattie P, Tastefully Simple food products
- 14 CIS Designs, sea glass & bead jewelry
- 15 Lisa Elliott & Susan Gelotte, woven rag rugs, felted wool hot pads, block prints
- 16 James Mahaney Photography, fine art photography prints, framed items, and notecards
- 17 Softness by Nature, soaps &

- 37 Four Paws Up Bakery & Boutique, dog treats and accessories
- 38 Cutie Curls, children's bows & headbands, American Girl doll clothes, fairy garden accessories, women's bags, wine cork keychains, more
- 39 Creations by Sara, seashell frames and sea inspired items,
- 40 Paige's Paracord, keychains, leashes, bracelets,
- 41 Custom Gifts by Jeannine, gift baskets and gift items
- 42 Joe Beaulieu, pumpkins, hay wagon to climb aboard.

Also: Farm Tractor for photo ops and entertainment in the afternoon by The Showstoppers.

# Our Lady's Haven celebrates Mission Mass with Monsignor

*Press Release*

The Mission Mass for Our Lady's Haven was celebrated on September 21 in our Chapel by Rev. Monsignor Edmund J. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Diocesan Health Facilities, Rev. James McDonough, SS.CC., Chaplain of Our Lady's Haven and Deacon Robert Lorenzo.

The Church's Jubilee Year of Mercy provided the perfect theme as Our Lady's Haven's Administration, Department Heads, and Staff renewed their commitment to our Mission by reciting a Prayer of Recommitment.

Thank you to all the special participants and all who attended the Mass.

The celebration continued as staff, residents and guests proceeded to our dining room to enjoy a deliciously prepared gourmet dessert buffet. A chocolate fountain cascaded in one corner while fancy chocolate pastries

and apple, peach and blueberry crisps prepared by our dietary staff adorned the others.

The Chapel, lobby and dining room were decorated with a variety of beautifully arranged fall colored flowers. Candied and caramel apples were the perfect gift for our staff and guests. Thank you to Chocolate Works for donating the chocolate for our fountain, Mendonca's Florist Shop for the beautiful flower arrangements and to Michelle Brodeur for her delicious candied and caramel apples.

A very special thank you to Our Lady's Haven's Administration,

Staff, Residents and their families as well as invited guests from our community who helped to make our Mission Mass a true celebration of recommitment to our Mission.



Sister Eileen Fitzpatrick, RSM (Religious Sister of Mercy), poses with the banner after the Mission Mass celebrated at Our Lady's Haven on September 21. *Submitted photo.*

## OLH Mission Mass: A personal perspective

*By Elaine Cordeiro*

### Special to the Neighb News

On September 21, Our Lady's Haven celebrated Our Lady's Mission Day with a special mass and reception.

It was the last day of summer, one of the most beautiful days when I walked through the doors of the haven. I looked around and said, "Our Lady, you did a beautiful job."

All the beautiful people were coming in and out of this door and that door. I could hardly focus on one thing.

To my eyes, the people were like angels spreading their wings, going from this room to that room. I think I was a little out of place because I was dressed so casually. The women had a sparkle in their eyes with all the glitter of earrings, necklaces, and happiness.

I was there to write a story of the event. After looking around, I sat at the first table to the center on the left side of the dining room. The woman on my left was Juliette, she was eager to talk. I wanted her to tell me a little bit of what she observed.

She told me in the Chapel she sat with a nun that she met on the plane 50 years ago coming from St. Michael to America. Her next thought was to tell me she felt all the love that was there in that room.

To me this woman was so holy, could it have been the nun that she sat close to in mass? I think, yes, the

next thought was there was so much love in the look of her eyes, I think she was a saint in disguise

On the table sitting to my right was Henry. When I sat down in my chair he had a plate with chocolate dipped pretzels, pineapples, and marshmallows that Teresa, his mother, served him. I think he felt like a king.

Teresa's mother lives at OLH. She's been in the Haven for three years now. She's 93 years old and does not communicate. She responds very well with the staff, which is a great blessing for her daughters. So family together is such a great bond for her mother, because her two daughters frequently visit her.

Now I changed tables and people looked like they were happy to see and talk with me.

Ronald was born in Fairhaven and still resides in Fairhaven. He came out of the service and married his wife Jeanine. They sat to my right at the table. He worked for UPS and retired. They have two daughters who are married, one in Mattapoisett and the other in Acushnet. Ronald and Jeanine spend quality time together, even though he is in a different home for his nursing care.

Ronald wrote something for Jeanine and gave it to her, telling her how much he loved her. With the two of them not being very talkative, Jeanine didn't know how they got together. She remembered that she

had to start talking with friends to bring out the talk in him.

She reminded me of my mother and he reminded me of my father. I told her that hearts always know there is love, so that quietness was special for Ronald and Jeanine.

Across the table was a familiar lady from church. Her name is Joanne. She told me of the time that she and Joe went to Mother Teresa's Canonization Mass. They were in the crowd outside at St. Lawrence Martyr Church. There were too many people in the church. They were there, too, at the time Mother Teresa came out onto the balcony of the Missionaries of Charity Convent across from the church when Mother was escorted by Bishop Sean O'Malley. Joanne had tears rolling down her cheeks today as she spoke of the day Mother spoke to everyone.

Joanne told me she would never forget what mother said: "The family that prays together stays together."

Joe had his picture taken in the crowd when the words of Mother Teresa touched her heart. That's when the tears came flooding down. To me that was a miracle on the spot. Thank you so much for sharing that with me, Joanne.

The reception was over and I was given a caramel apple and red candy apple to take as a favor.

Mission complete. ●●●

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Deadline for registration Oct. 8.

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Sat., 11/26. Depart FHVN: 6 a.m. Arrive NYC: 10:30 a.m. Depart NYC: 5 p.m. Arrive FHVN: 10 p.m.

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Oct 12: Hyannis Mall, X MAS Tree Shop and Trader Joe's  
Oct. 19: Wrentham Village  
Oct. 26: South Shore Plaza

## Entertainment: 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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## Special Activities

### Sand for Seniors

In a collaborative effort to keep seniors safe from falls this winter, The Fairhaven Commission on Disability and the Fairhaven COA will be providing the Sand for Seniors Project again this year. This project provides seniors of Fairhaven, 60 years old and older, with a 5 gallon bucket of sand/salt mix to use on their icy walkways. If you DO NOT already have a bucket, please call the COA to get on the list to receive one. If you already have a bucket and would like it refilled, please call the COA to request a refill. There are only a limited number of available buckets.

### Sewing Group

Come join the sewing Group. The group meets Monday afternoons: Oct. 3 & 17, from 1-3:00 p.m. and, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at The Fairhaven Senior Center.

### Osteoporosis Classes

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30-10:00 a.m. Exercise safely and comprehensively without worry! Classes focus on improving balance, building bones, and increasing overall strength and endurance with emphasis on body alignment to ensure safety. All skill levels are welcome to partici-

pate! If you are skeptical, give us a try to see if the class meets your needs.

### S.H.I.N.E.

Open Enrollment, During Medicare Enrollment, from October 15th to December 7th, you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your upcoming changes and options, a trained S.H.I.N.E counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Learn more about how S.H.I.N.E can help you: Call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029.

### Walking Indoors

Indoor walking has begun its regular weekday schedule of 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Recreation Center. Sign-up at the Senior Center and begin walking, meeting new friends, and getting healthy.

### Veterans Day Luncheon

Southern Mass Credit Union will again generously sponsor a luncheon honoring our Fairhaven Veterans and their spouses. Wednesday, November 9th The luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. and ceremony to follow. RSVP at 508-979-4029 by Monday, October 31st.

## Ongoing Programs

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# Acushnet euthanized dog that attacked woman

By Beth David  
Editor

The dog that attacked Beckie Ferreira on Friday, 9/23, at a kennel in Acushnet, has been euthanized. The Acushnet Selectboard had scheduled a dangerous dog hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, 10/4, but that hearing was not held.

Acushnet Animal Control officer Rebekkah Tomlinson\* told the board that the dog's owner, Nicholas Tavenner, had relinquished control of the Akita, Marley, to the town and was not fighting the euthanization.

Ms. Tomlinson said that she would be responsible for making sure the dog was euthanized.

There was a bit of confusion on the board, with members not sure if they could close the hearing, or if they should continue it.

The board agreed to have the dog euthanized and put the matter on the agenda for their 10/24 meeting.

In a follow-up interview, Ms. Tomlinson said the decision to euthanize the dog was not made lightly. The Acushnet incident was the fourth one involving the unneutered male, that she knew of.

She said one small dog was killed by Marley, and that Ms. Ferreira's injuries were very serious, and from an unprovoked attack.

The dog was euthanized on Wednesday, 10/5.

According to a GoFundMe page set

up for her, Ms. Ferreira is recovering in the hospital with serious injuries to her right arm.

"She has [surgeries] to come and many months of rehabilitation," according to the page.

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In another matter, the board approved a Class II license for 50 cars for Frank Knox at his 3 Hayes Street property.

Selectboard chairperson Garry Rawcliffe told the board that Town Planner James Marot recommended dropping the number of allowed cars down to 20, including employee cars.

"I'm just looking for what was there when I bought the property," Mr. Knox told the board.

Selectboard member Kevin Gaspar said he did not understand why the building inspector wanted to make the change. Mr. Marot did not attend the meeting.

The board voted to approve the license with 50 cars.

Town Planner Henry Young appeared before the board to discuss an ongoing issue with roads that are not accepted by the town, and, therefore, are private.

Generally, when a developer creates a subdivision, Town Meeting will accept the roads for the whole development.

There are a number of roads in Acushnet that have not been

accepted, for various reasons, some known, some unknown.

the town, and do not necessarily have trash pickup. The Selectboard wanted a list of which roads are not accepted and a plan to accept the roads. The procedure for accepting some roads may differ from others, depending on the development, whether or not the road has actually been constructed or just exists on paper.

The town also needs to consider what is under the roads and the other town services, such as water, that the town will suddenly be responsible for if the road is accepted.

Mr. Gaspar called the number of unaccepted roads a failure.

He said every winter board members get phone calls from residents wondering why their roads are not plowed. He said that although the town is not required to plow unaccepted roads, that is not the right attitude. He said the town needs to plow and provide services to all residents.

He argued that residents on unaccepted roads get no reduction in taxes, so why should they suffer from a reduction in services.

Mr. Young cautioned the board about accepting roads that were subpar, saying the town would then be responsible for the infrastructure, such as pipes for water and sewer, and the costs to upgrade the roads and repave them.

"When you accept it, you own it," said Mr. Young, adding that it is a private road until it is accepted. "That's exactly what it is."

Interim Town Administrator Kevin Paicos told the board that most towns require a bond from developers. If a developer leaves a

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## Board of Appeals

The Fairhaven Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall to consider the following petition(s)

### NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Town of Fairhaven/Don Collesius, RE: 40 Center Street/33 Williams Street, Plot 09, Lot 94; Book 11135 and Page 197. Town of Fairhaven 198-22 Short 5' of required 5' rear setback (shed will be placed in proposed easement), 33 Williams Street 380 sq. ft. over max square footage of 700 sq. ft. for an Accessory Structure, all within an RA District.
2. Petitioner: Kristin Curcio, RE: 105 Fort Street, Plot 07, Lot 84; Book 10937 and Page 15. 198-1: Short 12' of required 20' setback for a corner lot within RA District.
3. Petitioner: David John Georgianna, RE: 39 Pleasant

Street, Plot 04, Lot 36; Book 3744 and Page 198. 198-22-4 Short 5' of required 5' setback for Accessory Structure (south side).

4. Petitioner: George Hills, RE: 85 Howland Road, Plot 23, Lot 35 & 36; Book 5146 and Page 170. 198-23 B-4: Special Permit required for Home Occupation in the building trades.
5. Petitioner: Ronald & Colleen Raphael, RE: 33 Nancy Street, Plot 37A, Lot 509; Book 11441 and Page 175. 198-18: Short 5,400 sq. ft. on Lot 1 and Lot 2 of required 15,000 sq. ft. required in an RA District. (Taking one conforming lot and making two non-conforming lots.)
6. Petitioner: Michael Audette, RE: 19 Harvard Street, Plot 28A, Lot 249; Book 10947 and Page 54. 198-23 B-4 Special Permit required for Home Occupation in

the Building Trades.

7. Petitioner: James Broughton, RE: 56 Goulart Memorial Drive, Plot 42, Lot 23B; Cert. #23792. Administrative Appeal under 198-28-F-7: See attached letter from Town Counsel.
8. Petitioner: Ronald Oliveira, RE: 5 Vincent Street, Plot 6, Lot 32-37; Book 11725 and Page 262. 198-18: Short 5,000 sq. ft. per lot of required 15,000 sq. ft. making two non-conforming lots out of one conforming lot.

### RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Petitioner: Oliveira Investment, Inc., RE: 35 Welcome Street, Plot 31B, Lot 14; Book 8902 and Page 169. 198-28-G: Special Permit required for construction of single-family home within the Nasketucket River Basin.

Peter DeTerra, Chairman

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street to accommodate cars for sale or employee spots. The move came after a series of complaints by neighbors and competitors against several service stations in town.

Fairhaven Gas will now be allowed five used car spaces, three employee spaces, and nine repair/customer spaces, for a total of 17.

In a related matter, Louie Baptista of RRR Auto, 372 Huttleston Ave., appeared before the board to plead his case for not creating a new plan by an engineer.

Mr. Baptista argued that he had a valid, engineer-stamped plan from when he got his special permit. That plan shows where his 92 cars can be parked, without using Copeland Street, a paper street that runs through his property. The special permit, however, clearly allows him to use Copeland Street. In the event that Copeland Street is developed, he will not be allowed to use it, as laid out in the conditions of his special permit.

Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy said the whole purpose of the board's requirement was to get engineering plans that show where cars are actually parked, not where they could be parked. The point, he said was to get a "realistic, reflective plan," and everyone had to do it.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola said the point was to make it easier for the building inspector to see if a business was in compliance.

Both Mr. Baptista and Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth voiced concerns that if the new plan were created, then RRR would be in violation of the special permit, and Mr. Baptista would get slapped with a violation.

"I'm concerned that if I draw up new plans...I'm going to lose cars," said Mr. Baptista.

If the plan shows the cars on Copeland Street, it means he might be required to use it, as opposed to now, where he can use it if he wants to, and that would violate the special permit.

"I don't understand why I have to do it," said Mr. Baptista. "I don't want to give it up."

He also said it was "no secret" that he has had an ongoing "feud" with building inspector Wayne Fostin.

"I'm worried that Mr. Fostin is going to come on my property, and say I can't park there," said Mr. Baptista. "Now he can't because it's a special permit."

Mr. Rees interjected, saying that it would be his role to mediate any conflicts between the two.

Mr. Baptista reiterated his point that he was the only one of the used

car lots to pay for a real engineering plan, and he should not have to pay for another one.

"I'm the only one who spent that much money," said Mr. Baptista.

Mr. Espindola said they "wouldn't be here today," if not for the issue of people "pointing fingers" at each other over violations.

In the end, the board required Mr. Baptista to get the new plans created, with a clear reference to the Special Permit provisions.

He will be allowed to use Copeland Street, but will not be required to do so. In the event that Copeland Street is developed, he will have to move his cars off that street.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a restricted music license for the Nook Café at 58 Washington St., for weekdays only.
- Approved use of the town hall auditorium for Beth Becotte to hold a birthday party on 10/9; but did not approve the beer and wine license, pending receipt of more information.
- Appointed Cody Thibault to the Bell Committee, and Pam Kuechler to the Library Board of Trustees.

Selectboard member Daniel Freitas did not attend the meeting because he was sick, according to Mr. Rees.

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project unfinished, the bond can be used to defray the costs of finishing the roads and bring them up to acceptable standards.

Mr. Gaspar agreed, and said that bonds must exist for some of the projects in question, and if not, "we need to look at why."

In the future, he said, the town needs to make sure there are bonds in place and they are big enough to cover the costs.

Going on a bit of an admitted tirade on the issue he said angered him, Mr.

Gaspar told Mr. Young that he needed to draft a bylaw so that the Planning Board or Appeals Board or any board could not bypass the bond issue.

"If a developer won't [post] a bond, then go build somewhere else," said Mr. Gaspar. "We don't want you here. Because all you're [going to] be is a headache for the community."

He said when people buy a house in Acushnet, they do not, and should not have to, ask if trash is picked up at their new house, or if the road is plowed.

"That's our job to make sure all

that's in place," said Mr. Gaspar.

Dan Menard of the Department of Public Works said it was not a problem for them to plow the unaccepted roads. He asked the board if they would be willing to downgrade their standards and accept dirt roads.

The board decided that getting the list of roads was the first step.

"This is something that has been on the back burner for too long," said Mr. Gaspar.

*\*EDITOR'S NOTE: Ms. Tomlinson and editor Beth David are cousins.*

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Mon., 10/17, Arsene St., 6 p.m.

### Community Preserv. Com.

Thurs., 11/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Conservation Commission

Mon., 10/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### Council on Aging

Tues., 10/11, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

### Cultural Council

Mon., 11/7, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

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Thurs., 10/20, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Tues., 10/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### School Committee

Wed., 10/12, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

### Selectboard

Mon., 10/17, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Acushnet Meetings

### Board of Appeals

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# Selectboard sets goals/vision for future

By Beth David

Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard held a meeting with Town Administrator Mark Rees on Saturday, 10/1, for the singular purpose of setting goals and a vision for the town. The session concentrated on defining a set of broad goals that would organize the more detailed needs of the town.

The goal setting session lays the foundation of the policies that the Selectboard is responsible for setting as defined by the new Town Administrator form of government that was adopted last year.

Mr. Rees is the town's first TA.

It will be up to him to communicate those broader goals to the various department heads and work with them towards achieving the goals.

The board first identified areas of concern and areas of strengths for the town. Then the board set about a dozen goals that those concerns and strengths fall under.

For example: The town's desire to see all the empty storefronts filled, falls under the larger goal of economic development and diversifying the tax base.

Selectboard member Bob Espindola had a list of the town's 10 largest taxpayers, saying that the town is vulnerable if anything happens to a few of those big companies.

"The goal is to diversify the tax base," he said.

Mr. Rees's identified a goal of creating a human resources operation

that will enhance employee productivity, create an atmosphere of mutual respect and ensure competitive wages and accountability.

A recurring theme was communication, with both government and the public, and citizen engagement, i.e., getting more people involved.

Related to that is a goal of developing policies and procedures that will provide direction, guidance and education to volunteers who serve on the various boards and committees.

"So they know what they're doing and we agree with it," said Selectboard member Bob Espindola.

That goal would also make it easier for people to become involved because they would be able to see what each board is responsible for.

The possibility of expanding the senior center building, an idea raised by Selectboard Chairperson Charles Murphy, falls under the larger goals of completing the Master Plan and its study of the town's changing demographics, and also the studying of the town's facilities.

The town's infrastructure and capital planning also kept cropping up in various categories, prompting a goal of identifying grant opportunities, all under the wider goal of creating financial stability.

"That's free money," said Mr. Espindola, who has always encouraged the pursuit of grant opportunities.

Selectboard member Dan Freitas

made a point of noting that the goals need to get to the employees, too, not just the department heads.

The board also discussed the drug epidemic, putting it under the larger goal of educating the public on health and wellness, with an "initial priority" on opioid addiction.

Initially identified under "outside influences," the drug problem, said Mr. Freitas, is "not an outside influence. It's in our community."

Mr. Freitas also said he would like to see employees in the various departments have at least an outline of the process for permitting and other procedures in town. He said people will often go to the public works department and ask about something that they need to go to town hall for, but they only know of one place to start.

He said town employees of all departments should have at least a list or some other guideline to be able to direct people to the right place.

"It shouldn't be 'it's not my job.' It should be 'I'm going to get you an answer,'" said Mr. Freitas.

That seemed to fall under the goals of civic education and recruitment, said Mr. Rees. And ties into the goals of a better complaint process and ways for people to communicate back to the town, too.

"So it's a whole gamut of things," said Mr. Rees, adding that overall role of the technological improvements is to enhance civic engagement. "So people feel tied to the community."

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## Fairhaven man convicted of murder for 2nd time

Press Release

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn announced that a Fall River Superior Court jury convicted Jonathan Keith Niemic on Monday, 10/3, of First Degree Murder connected to the October 2010 stabbing homicide of 34-year-old Michael Correia in New Bedford.

After a nine-day trial, the jury deliberated for about three hours over the course of two days before returning its guilty verdict today around 10:45 a.m. The jury found the defendant guilty on both deliberate premeditation and extreme atrocity/cruelty theories.

Mr. Niemic, 28, of Fairhaven and New Bedford, was immediately sentenced by Judge Rene Dupuis to

serve life in prison with no possibility of parole.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney William McCauley and Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Purcell.

The stabbing of Mr. Correia, a Fairhaven resident, occurred outside an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting near the Trinity Church Soup Kitchen on Purchase Street on October 20, 2010.

The defendant had been previously convicted of this murder in 2012, but the conviction was overturned by the Supreme Judicial Court last year. The SJC, in its 2015 ruling, said the trial judge during the 2012 trial did not properly instruct the jury about the elements needed

to prove first degree murder. The SJC also said the former prosecutor made improper arguments to the jury during the 2012 trial.

"This was a very brutal killing, especially with the victim dying in his father's presence. The defendant had just been released from jail and without provocation, assaulted the victim and stabbed him repeatedly in front of a number horrified people," said District Attorney Quinn. "I'd like to thank the jury for their attention to this matter and for returning a guilty verdict based on both theories of first degree murder, which was certainly supported by the evidence. I also want to thank the witnesses and the victim's family for their perseverance and patience during two trials."

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