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Eighty-two runners and nine walkers participated in the 17th annual Fort Phoenix 5K Road Race on Sunday, 9/10. Heather Cappello of Brookline broke the course record for women with a time of 17:37. See page 12 for story. *Photo by Glenn C. Silva.*

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From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Okay, so who's ready for another batch of summer weather to come our way? I know it's mid-September (ugh...did I really write that out loud?), but I still have hope that there'll be a few more boating weekends left.

Jack's Cove has opened up (see page 5), and that means more quahogging at least. This past weekend saw all kinds of summer stuff going on, Apple-Peach Festival (page 13), Marine Poker Run (see page 7), whaleboat races (page 19), and, of course, our cover story (see page 12).

It's kind of the last hurrah before the cooler weather gets here. Then it's all the harvest stuff: stay tuned for those.

File this next topic under "SAY IT AIN'T SO!!!"

Benny's is closing (page 10), not just the Fairhaven store, but all of them. Sniff sniff.

We love our Benny's in this part of the world. They're a family-owned business, though, and they just couldn't keep up with the way things are changing. That's technology for you, good for some, bad for others. We will miss our Benny's in these parts, that's for sure.

Meanwhile, they should be open to the end of the year, so you might be able to get in one last year of Christmas shopping. I will miss their fishing and boating department.

Meanwhile, speaking of quahogging...I lost my float ring for my quahog basket. Oh, what a heartbreak. Anyone who digs for quahogs knows how hard it is to get just the right ring. The ones they sell specifically for it suck (yes, I used that word), they totally suck.

Every time I go quahogging I notice what people are using and I was very content in the knowledge that I had the absolute best float ring ever. I got it from my old pal Jimmy Mellen more than 20 years ago. You remember him, right? The guy with the big beard? I wrote about him a few times.

This year, in the middle of July I guess, I left the float ring on the side of the road near Round Cove. I didn't even realize it until a few weeks later when I was gathering up my stuff to go digging again.

Oh...you should've seen my face.

I put my name and phone number on...like... everything. Think it ever occurred to me to put my name on that? Nope. So, it's gone forever.

So, I had to use my extra one, the one I have for the second rig so I can teach people. I had no idea how unstable it was. I lost the whole basket, tipped right over in a gust of wind (don't worry, I got most of them back).

So, if you found my little float, with its colorful rope attached, and you haven't already fallen totally in love with it, please consider returning it. If you are screaming "no way, no way," then all right already, finders keepers. I get it. But from now on, I'm putting my name on everything, in big bold letters.

There's all kinds of cool stuff in here this week. Lots of pictures by Glenn Silva, who had a blast on boats and at the festival and at the races. So check out each page.

And be sure to notice who our advertisers are and let them know you saw their ads in the *Neighb News*.

Until next week then...see ya,

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Last week we published a photo of two floats that the submitter said was from the OLOA Procession in the 1960s. We have had a couple of calls saying there were never floats in the procession. The photos may have been from the town's sesquicentennial in 1962. We welcome reader suggestions.

Fairhaven Town Auction this weekend

By Beth David
Editor

Fairhaven will hold its annual auction this Saturday, 9/16, at 9 a.m. at the Board of Public Works garage, 5 Arsene Street. Items for sale come from surplus property by various town departments, including office equipment and vehicles; a variety of items confiscated or recovered by police, abandoned property, etc.

From the School Department: Film Texts, Time Life Books, Paperbacks (fiction and non fiction), Paperbacks, Encyclopedias, Anthologies, Hardcover/nonfiction, Hardcover/fiction, 55 Lenovo desktops (2006-2010) 7 Dell desktops (2007), 11 Hp desktops (2009), 38 flat screen monitors, 10 inkjet printers, 4 tightrope media servers, 3 6" video monitors, 8 laptops (2006), 4 VCR/DVD combo units, 4 32" tube tvs, 1 Samsung 55" tv (damaged), 53 keyboards, Command center, 1 VCR, 1 Print Server, 25 tape recorders, 25 9" TVs, 1 fax machine, 1 CRT monitor, 1 tube tv/vcr combo.

From the Recreation Center: 2 sets of 12 lockers each, total dimensions for units are 6' 6" in height, 6 feet in

width, 15' in depth

From Town Hall: 7 filing cabinets, assorted pictures, 3 tables, 3 chairs, File rack, Christmas tree, Waste basket, 8' table, 8' bench, 6 drawer storage bin

From the Council on Aging: 6 foot conference room table, Small wooden white desk, 8x10 rug, 5 feet octagonal table, 3 chairs, 4 foot Christmas trees, Overhead projector, Ironing board

From the Fire Department: Ice Rescue Sled (1970's), Hale Floating Pump, Hurst Hydraulic Power Unit, 1 50-ft length of hydraulic hose, 1 gas/leave blower

From the Highway Department: Camper trailer, abandoned (only police can get title, 14 bicycles, one Honda XR80 minibike, one Snapper 200 GX riding mower, Two Craftsman push mowers, one transmission jack, one Sun vehicle diagnostic machine, metal table saw, one bed liner, one Huskey generator (does not run), two cut of saws (not working), SEFAC 6-ton vehicle lift posts, one couch, old #43 Sewer Department 2000 Ford utility truck, Council on Aging Ford Taurus, School Department box truck (looking for title).

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Anne O'Brien chosen as Fairhaven's first HR Director

By Beth David
Editor

The Fairhaven Selectboard voted to approve the appointment of Assistant Town Administrator Anne O'Brien to the newly created position of Human Resources Director. Town Administrator Mark Rees made the appointment and announced it at the Selectboard meeting on Monday, 9/12. The board needed to approve it.

Ms. O'Brien recently achieved her Certificate in Local Government

Leadership and Management, Public Administration from Suffolk University. She has worked in the Selectboard office for six years.

All three Selectboard members and Mr. Rees voiced confidence in her ability to handle her new duties, but also said they did not want to see her go.

"You just can't go," said Selectboard member Daniel Freitas.

Ms. O'Brien reminded them that she was not going far. And, she would

be doing both jobs for awhile, until her position was filled. She thanked the board for the last six years.

Ms. O'Brien said the move was "bittersweet," and that most people leave a job because they do not like it.

"I'm leaving a job I like," she said. "I'm going to miss it tremendously. But my career calls, and the town needs me, and it's an important position."

One of Ms. O'Brien's first duties

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L-R: Fairhaven Town Administrator Mark Rees, Selectboard member Charles Murphy, Selectboard chairperson Bob Espindola, and Selectboard member Daniel Freitas share a laugh with and congratulate Assistant Town Administrator Anne O'Brien on her new appointment as Human Resources Director for the town at the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, 9/12. Photo courtesy of Bobby Brusco, Fairhaven Government Access.



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AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

Jack's Cove open

The remainder of Jack's Cove will be open to quahogging as of Thursday, 9/21. The area by the marina has been closed, although the rest of the cove has been open. The section by the marina was transplanted with tainted quahogs from the Taunton River last year. The bivalves have had enough time to clean themselves out and have been tested by the state. The tests show they are safe for harvesting.

This section of Jack's Cove will only be open to recreational diggers, as the money used to seed it was from Bouchard Oil Spill settlement money designated for recreational use. For more information, call the Harbor-master/Shelfish office, 508-984-4529, Ext. 124.

Fhvn Town Auction

On 9/16, 9 a.m. See page 3.

Book Group

When you read the book, *A Piece of the World*, you will enter an imaginative interpretation by author Christina Kline, of Andrew Wyeth's painting, "Christina's World." **On 9/21 at 10 a.m. The Thursday Morning Book Group** will explore how Christina led her life, on a remote Maine farm, as a single woman, facing a complicated relationship with her family and an illness that incapacitated her.

The discussion is free, open to the public, with accessibility to the meeting room through the Walnut Street entrance. To borrow the book, contact either the Millicent Library, or SAILS, the inter-library web site. For questions or directions, please call Norma Markey at 508-993-3745

Live Theater

"Go, Granny D!"

A Live Theater performance of the story of Doris Haddock, or "Granny D" who at age 90, walked 3,200 miles for Campaign Finance Reform in the 1990's will be presented on **Sun., 9/17 at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Memorial Church, 102 Green St., Fairhaven.** Her efforts, in part, brought attention to this burning issue of her time which resulted in the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, more widely referred to as the McCain-

Feingold Act. The Citizens United decision in 2010 emasculated the McCain-Feingold Act and overcame century-old precedent by not allowing government to regulate such spending. The play will be an inspiration to those who wish to do something to gain back control of our democracy. **A nominal "donation" of \$10 will secure you a seat** for what promises to be an enjoyable and inspiring evening of entertainment. For tickets, go to: <http://PeopleGovernNotMoney.org>.

Hurricane Relief

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is collection for hurricane victims. **We will be collecting until Sept. 19th at Southern Mass Credit Union, 123 Alden Rd., Fairhaven and 63 Green St., Fairhaven.** Contact the Centre, 508-992-2224, or visit UMCOR.org for more info on items needed.

Oktoberfest

And Beer Swap

At West Island Improvement Association community house, **41 Causeway Rd., Fairhaven, Sat., 10/7, 7-10 p.m. Tickets: \$10**, contact Marc Dunn, 774-259-5561. Serving sausages & sauerkraut. Beer tasting and beer swap. Each person brings a six-pack of unique beer. Every guest swaps beers with every other guest and suddenly each person has a six-pack of six different beers.

SAVE THE DATES

Encampment

The annual fall encampment will be held at **Fort Phoenix on Saturday and Sunday, 9/23 & 24**, with the firing of the fort's five cannons on Saturday at dusk. Visit <http://fairhaventours.com/fort-phoenix-historical-encampment/> for more details.

Manjiro Festival

Sun., 10/7, in front of Town Hall in Fairhaven. Will celebrate 30 years since the sister-city agreement was signed with Tosashimizu, Japan. Visit <http://www.whitfield-manjiro.org/>

Manjiro Workshops

Oct. 18, "Making the Connection of Japanese Culture and the History of Manjiro and Capt. Whitfield." 10 PDPs

for teachers. Origami. Nov. 1, Calligraphy. Nov. 15, visit the old Stone School House. Cost: \$125 Payable to: WMFS (Whitfield/Manjiro Friendship Society) 11 Cherry St. Fairhaven, MA 02719 by Oct. 10th. For info, gerry@wmfriendshiphouse.org

Cultural Council

Each year, the Fairhaven Cultural Council, a local organization supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, awards Local Cultural Council (LCC) grants to support arts and cultural projects that directly benefit our community. Grant monies are distributed from both state and local funds designated specifically for this purpose.

For the 2018 Grant Cycle, Fairhaven Council will be participating in a **new pilot program** eliminating the requirement that awards made using the Mass Cultural Council allocation be reimbursement-based. During this pilot program, grant money will be available in full to grantees once their projects are approved. If you are awarded a grant, you will be required to submit a final report to the Local Cultural Council upon completion of your program verifying that your project was completed and grant monies were used as outlined in your application.

The Fairhaven Cultural Council accepts online applications only. **Online applications are available from the MCC for LCC applicants via www.mass-culture.org.** With this new system, applicants will complete their forms entirely online and upload any required supplemental materials by the **October 16, 2017 deadline.**

For this grant cycle, applicants' projects or events must take place between January through December 2018. The Fairhaven Cultural Council prioritizes projects that take place in Fairhaven and most directly benefit Fairhaven residents, as well as first-time applicants and new projects. Please refer to Fairhaven's official MCC page for full local guidelines and council funding priorities.

Council members would be happy to assist any applicants with the application process by appointment. Contact chairperson Abigail Hevey for assistance or with any questions at abigail.hevey@gmail.com



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Poker Run is VROOM VROOM on the water

By Beth David
Editor

The fourth annual Nopper Marine Poker Run, held this Saturday, 9/9, filled the little cove at Hoppy's Landing with the loud "vroom vroom" of Cigarette boats as they charged off into the distance.

Although dominated by the super-fast racing boats, the poker run was not a race, exactly.

The 33 boats that entered had to go to four ports around Buzzards Bay and pick up a card at each. Best hand would win, not the first back. The



BELOW LEFT: Team Apache leaves Hoppy's Landing at the start of the fourth annual Nopper Marine Poker Run on Saturday, 9/9. ABOVE: Two of the sleek speedboats contrast with two boats moored at Hoppy's Landing. BOTTOM: The boats in the poker run kick up some water after they clear the rocks south of the point at Hoppy's Landing. Photos by Beth David.



event also included raffles a variety of quality items.

Organizer Heidi Pereira said the event raised \$15,000 for Better Community Living, a local nonprofit that works with the disabled.

Back at Earl's Marina, the crowd was entertained with live music and food.

Michael Cordeiro won first place, second place went to Jake Galaxy. Best looking boat was John Techron's Skater, best looking crew was Cliff Rose's

cigarette crew.

Ms. Pereira sent a special thank you to: Rob and Caryn Sullivan for all their help with cards registration and set-up; Veronica Sullivan, Terri Brown and Justin Medeiros, for also giving her the opportunity to join a crew on the water; to Kevin Grant and Grant Properties for donation of the food from Mac's Soda Bar; her many friends who helped in so many ways; the Fairhaven Harbormaster; Tow Boat US New Bedford.

"I want to thank everybody who sponsored and made a donation to this event," said Ms. Pereira in a message. "It couldn't have happened without everyone's participation. And a special thanks to Earl's Marina and Down the Hatch."

Ms. Pereira said boats came from New Jersey, New Hampshire, and around Massachusetts.

"It was amazing, amazing," said Ms. Pereira. "Totally amazing. They are still calling me today to say what an amazing event it was and 'we'll see you next year.'"

Fall Festival
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at Atria Senior Living

Please join us for our second annual fall festival. Eat, socialize and participate in our raffles. Enjoy a variety of activities, including face painting, pumpkin painting, a car cruise with the Legendary Street Rods and more.

Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Last year, we raised \$1475 for the organization, and this year we hope to exceed that amount. We look forward to seeing you there!

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HAPPENINGS OVERTOWN

Shred Day

Area residents can participate in a paper shredding day in downtown New Bedford sponsored by New Bedford's Department of Community Services, the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, and Shred It. **On Sat., 9/16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon** at the parking lot across from City Hall on the corner of William Street and North 6th Street (enter on William Street).

Businesses and residents of Greater New Bedford are welcome. **Charge is \$5 per box.** Cash or check only. Each box should weigh no more than 30 to 40 pounds.

Participants are welcome to watch the destruction of up to two of their boxes of paper. For more than two boxes, shredding may occur off-site. Certificates of destruction are available, if needed.

Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove paper from folders and binders. Shredded paper will be recycled into new products such as paper towels.

In addition, Shred It will destroy **computer hard drives for a fee of \$5.**

For questions about the event please call the Department of Community Services at (508) 979-1692 or the Refuse District Recycling Office at (508) 979-1493.

YTI Season Opener

Marc Camoletti's hit comedy *Don't Dress for Dinner*, Your Theatre, Inc.'s 71st Season opens with an eight performance run on September 7. Directed by Your Theatre's Suzanne J. Houbre of New Bedford. Remaining dates are **Sept. 14-16, at 7:30 p.m. and Sun., 9/17 at 2:30 p.m.**

At the wheelchair accessible Your Theatre, Inc. Playhouse, 136 Rivet St. (corner of County St.), New Bedford, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Free off-street parking and entrance are on County Street.

Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$12 for season subscribers, and \$13 for senior citizens, students, and military. Call 508-993-0772, or send an email to info@yourtheatre.org. Visit www.yourtheatre.org.

William Street Fest

Join the William Street Neighborhood Festival, on **Sat. 9/16,**

from 12-5 p.m. All Events Free

The 2nd Annual William Street Neighborhood Festival is a coming together of three historic churches in Downtown New Bedford whose goal is to show off the Artistic talent and historic buildings in the William Street Neighborhood.

The three churches are the First Unitarian Church, The First Baptist Church and the First Universalists (Gallery X). Although originally houses of faith they now also are homes to very creative, art, theater and musical groups. Our goal is to show that saving these buildings and opening their doors to Art and History we can help unique talent blossom and flourish.

From Noon to 5pm there will be a scheduled event list of activities in each building. There will be Art exhibits, Theater and lots of Music! There will also be food trucks and craft areas (Free to local artists, Farmers and businesses) Events in all 3 churches will be Free to All, So come on and have fun, meet the talent that is making New Bedford famous.

New this year will be a chalk art contest for all ages, and other LIVE Art We encourage visitors to take in the shops and stores in the Downtown area, there is so much to see, spend an afternoon on William Street.

If you know any Artists, craft persons who would be interested in FREE Craft area (Must have own table and set up) contact Gallery X/ Chuck Hauck chasahauck@comcast.net, 508-996-9768

Contact: Minister, First Unitarian Church, Karen Andersen, 508-441-9344, kandersenuunb@gmail.com

Sunset Cruise

Join the Fishing Heritage Center on Sat., 9/16, from 5-7 p.m. for a Sunset Harbor Cruise aboard the M/V Cuttyhunk. Cash bar, light refreshments, and live music featuring Joanne Doherty.

Tickets are \$40 and are available at the Fishing Heritage Center or online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3079097>. Tickets will also be available for sale at the boat which departs from the south side of State Pier. All proceeds benefit the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.

To reserve your tickets, call 508-993-8894 or email info@fishingheritagecenter.org! Don't miss the boat!

Fish Fry

At Mercy Meals & More, 634 Purchase St., NB, **Sat., 9/23, at 6 p.m. Tickets; \$10 pp.** Silent auction. Benefits Mercy Meals & More. Call for info, Debbie, 508-287-7128. To learn more about the organization, visit www.mercymealsandmore.com or call 508-287-7331

Fall Festival

Fall Festival: **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 235 N. Front St., New Bedford, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat., 9/30.** Delicious Polish and American food and various booths. Free admission. Phone: 508-992-9378. Visit www.olphchurchnb.org

Free Story Hour

Parents often wonder where they can bring their toddler to listen to stories, sing songs and enjoy hands-on crafts. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park offers free, engaging activities each week at Whales, Tales and Sails. This **free, one-hour story hour takes place each Friday morning beginning at 10:00 AM.** The event features professional storyteller Jackson Gillman and includes stories, fingerplay, songs, and crafts at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's Corson Maritime Learning Center, 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Geared for children ages 0-5. **Upcoming themes are: September 15: Pets; September 22: Harvest.** For more info, call 508-996-4095, or visit www.nps.gov/nebe

Portug. Conference

On Sept. 15 & 16, the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives and the Cardiff University School of Modern Languages will host an international conference at **UMD's Star Store Campus, 175 Purchase St. in downtown New Bedford.**

Registration is required, \$40 to \$106. Visit <http://library.umassd.edu/paa/food-cultures-mobility-and-migration-conference> or contact Sonia Pacheco at (508) 999-8695/spacheco@umassd.edu.

HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

Motorcycle Run

The Adam Bomb Motorcycle Run, to benefit the Adam Tyler Memorial Foundation. **Sun. 9/17, 10 a.m. reg., kickstands up at 11:30. Starts at the Ponderosa, 242 Robinson Rd., Acushnet, 1+ hour ride through backroads, then to Madeira Feast Grounds, 50 Madeira Ave., New Bedford for food, cash bar, and live music with The Eli Zelford Band at 1:30. Non riders welcome.**

Tickets in advance ONLY, \$20 at Rivers End, Linda 508789-8777; and Ponderosa, Kelly, 508-728-4127; or online at <https://goo.gl/7MPkHZ>

New Flea Market

Antiques and a variety of other items will now be available at **Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd. (Rte. 6), Mattapoisett. Every Tues. from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** All kinds of interesting stuff! Call 508-758-6787 for info.

Saltmarsh Walk

Join DNRT at the Dartmouth YMCA for a fun and informative walk! Connect with nature as you stroll through the marshland that makes coastal Massachusetts so beautiful. This walk will be led by Jim Sears, Professor Emeritus of Botany at UMass Dartmouth.

At **Dartmouth YMCA, 276 Gulf Rd, Dartmouth, MA, Sat., 9/16, at 9 a.m.** Contact: Kendra Murray, kendra@dnrt.org, 508-991-2289 ext. 103

Free Family Fun Day

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III, UMass Dartmouth Athletics and the Charlton College of Business invite the public to District Attorney Quinn's annual Free Family Fun Day.

Sun., 9/17, from 11 am to 3 pm at UMass Dartmouth's Cressy Field, 285 Old Westport Road in North Dartmouth. FREE.

The annual event, which is being co-sponsored by Kia of Dartmouth and Taunton Federal Credit Union, includes dozens of fun outdoor family activities for people of all ages to enjoy, including rock climbing wall, a petting zoo, food tents, contests that will test your skills in popular sports, a 64 foot inflatable obstacle course, potato sack and three-legged races, hula hoop contests, tug of wars, dizzy

bat races, a giant volleyball game and so much more.

Register at BristolDa.com or contact Brian Rose at the Bristol County D.A. Office at: 508-961-1972 or email at Brian.Rose@state.ma.us

Rolling Thunder

Rolling Thunder, MA Chapter 2 will host the first-ever ride to **Battleship Cove and chair dedication for POW/MIAs on Sat., 9/16.** Benefits the newly restored Vietnam and Korean War Memorial housed in the USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., which serves as the Commonwealth's official memorial to these wars.

The dedication ceremony begins at 12:45pm. Arrive early to watch the motorcycles escort the POW/MIA chair to its final destination. All activities are included with general admission. All funds raised will be used to support Rolling Thunder® Inc., the POW/MIA mission, America's Veterans, and restoration efforts at Battleship Cove.

To ride with Rolling Thunder® MA Chapter 2, please call 774-766-9214 for price and information.

The Big E

The largest agricultural event on the Eastern Seaboard, in West Springfield, Mass. **From Sept. 15 to Oct. 1.** Visit <http://www.thebige.com/>

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See the annual migration of thousands of hawks as they ride the thermals of the Wapack Range. Climb **Mt. Watatic on Sat., 9/16, 8 a.m.** Visit <http://nashuariverwatershed.org/programs-and-events.html> by Nashua River Watershed Association.

Author Event

Come to the Acushnet Public Library at **232 Middle Road, Acushnet, on Thurs., 9/21, at 6 pm** to hear Edward Lodi talk about his latest book, *The Pequot War*.

In 1637 the Puritans waged a genocidal war against the Pequots, the most powerful tribe in southern New England. Their objective: to annihilate the Pequots, to destroy them as a people. Edward Lodi answers a host of questions about the war, and describes the major battles of the war, including the

massacre at the Pequot fort in Mystic.

The talk is free and sponsored by the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library. For more information visit www.acupl.org or contact the library at (508) 998-0270.

Auditions

Spindle City Ballet will hold open auditions for their upcoming production of "The Nutcracker" on Fri., 9/22, at The Dance Academy, 288 Plymouth Ave. 2nd Floor, Fall River, Ma. (exit 7 off route 195, across from Applebee's). Ages 7-9 yrs 4:00 pm; Ages 10-13 yrs 5:30 pm; Ages 14 years through adult 7:00 pm

The company is looking for local dancers 7 years to adult with classical training. Girls please bring technique slippers and pointe shoes (if you have them). Please provide full body length 4x6 photo of your child/self in tendu second position in complete ballet attire.

Audition Fee: \$35. Checks should be made payable to Spindle City Ballet Call 508-677-2130

Rummage & Bake

Rummage and Bake Sale at **Acushnet-Wesley Methodist Church, 67 Main St., Acushnet, Fri., 9/22 17 from 530-8 p.m., and Sat. 9/23, from 9 a.m.-noon** Clothing, household items and homemade baked goods! Check out tons of sewing items and old patterns. In search of some vintage items or find something for a Halloween costume Come early for best selection.

Real vs. Fake News

Real Journalism Versus Fake News. In today's world, where news is often available in almost real time, news consumers as well as journalists face many challenges as they sort through the huge variety of sources. The public is invited to attend a free discussion of how to decipher real journalism from fake news with Mindy Todd, Managing Director of Editorial & Host/Executive Producer of "The Point" on NPR's local radio station WCAI and Paul Pronovost, Editor-in-Chief of the Cape Cod Times on **Sun., 9/17, from 2-3:00 p.m. at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow St. Accessible.**

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Recipe of the Week

Caramel Apple Crisp

- 5 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup water

Crumble:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup quick cooking oats
- 1 cup butter, softened

Caramel Sauce:

- 1 (14 oz) package individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped
 - 1 (5 ounce) can evaporated milk
- Preheat oven to 350. In a med. bowl, toss apples with sugar, flour, cinnamon, lemon juice, and water; spread evenly into 8x8" pan. In another bowl, mix together flour, brown sugar, oats, and butter; spoon mixture evenly over apples.

In heavy sauce pan over low heat, melt caramels with the evaporated milk, stirring frequently, until mixture has a smooth consistency. Drizzle the caramel sauce over the top of the crumble.

Bake in preheated oven for about 45 mins (apple mixture will bubble and topping will be golden brown). *From recipes.com*

To share a recipe with your neighbors

Mail to 166 Dogwood St., Fairhaven, MA 02719; fax to 508-991-5580; email to neighnews@comcast.net (Email preferred)

Benny's chain is closing all stores

Benny's, which bills itself as "The Biggest Little Store In The Biggest Little State," and "Your Favorite Store," is closing down for good. The family-owned chain, headquartered in Rhode Island, posted the following statement on its Facebook page:

"Many of you may have already heard the news: Benny's, after 93 years in business, plans to close all retail locations by the end of 2017 as our ownership family has decided to retire. In a short period of time, the retail landscape has changed dramatically — especially for "brick and mortar" businesses. The decision to retire was strongly influenced by this changing face of retailing.

"We will miss our employees who have been such a big part of what has made Benny's successful for so many decades. And of course, we'll miss



our many loyal customers who have supported us over the years. We have never tired, in all of those 93 years, of hearing the stories of a child's first bike bought at Benny's or 'if Benny's doesn't have it, you don't need it.'

"Facebook is a place where fans of Benny's have and will continue to celebrate their favorite store. Over the coming months, we will share old pictures, commercials and other memories. Please feel free to share your own with us."

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Women's record set in 17th annual Fort Phoenix 5K

By Beth David
Editor

A small field of 82 finished the 17th annual Fort Phoenix 5K Road Race on a bright and sunny Sunday, 9/10, in Fairhaven. The family friendly race includes a simultaneous, non-competitive walk, with nine walkers participating this year.

Race organizer Kathy Lopes said there were no issues, it "went off like clockwork again," and thanked the Fairhaven Police Department and the Fire Department, which provided an on-site ambulance...just in case.

Overall winner was Michael Vaz of Dartmouth in 16:31; next over the line

was Cody Gibney of New Bedford in 16:42; then Heather Cappello of Brookline in 17:37, which broke the course record for women.

Third male over the line, for a cash prize, was Angel Rosado of Fall River in 18:13. Second female over the line was Lauren Fereshetian of Marion in 20:01, followed by Ann Preisig of Falmouth in 20:08.

Youngest runners were 11-year-old twins Hannah and Calder Eaton in 30:36 and 32:02 respectively.

The oldest over the line was Fairhaven's own Barbara Belanger, 80, who won the 70+ age group with a time of 34:36.

Cash awards are given to the top three male and female finishers. Medals were awarded to the top three males and females in eight age categories. Each division winner also won a chocolate running shoe by Dorothy Cox Chocolates. Pre-registered runners all got t-shirts.

Net proceeds of the race go to local nonprofit organizations that support sports, community, history, and education, such as the Curtis L. Lopes II Scholarship Fund, part of the Fairhaven Dollars for Scholars.

For complete race results, visit <http://www.JBRace.com>.



LEFT: Michael Vaz of Dartmouth takes first place overall in the 17th annual Fort Phoenix Road Race on Sunday, 9/10, crossing the finish line in 16:31. MIDDLE: Heather Cappello of Brookline sets a course record for women, crossing over in 17:37. RIGHT: The Eaton twins, Calder and Hannah, 11, are the youngest runners in this year's race. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

Fill the Bus campaign collects for Hurricane Harvey victims



LEFT: Results of a one-day collection effort by Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven and New Bedford police in conjunction with Tremblay Bus, Safe Zones, and Neighborhoods United, to "fill the bus" for victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas on Saturday, 9/9. Submitted photo. RIGHT: Scott Pomfret and his son, Brett, deliver the donations to the Fairhaven Police Department that were collected at the West Island Improvement Association to go to Hurricane Harvey relief in Texas on Saturday, 9/1/17, as part of the "Fill the Bus" campaign. Mr. Pomfret noted that the West Island effort was spearheaded by Caryn Hebert Sullivan. Photo courtesy of Scot Pomfret.

Apple-Peach Festival sees big crowds, perfect weather



The 38th annual Apple-Peach Festival in Acushnet saw big crowds and perfect weather this weekend. The festival grounds at the Long Plain Museum were a little smaller this year, as the lot next store was not rented, as in the past. That did not stop the crowds, though, from packing it in. Many vendors ran out of food, including the cobbler booth. Organizers said they sold 80 pans of peach cobbler, apple cobbler and apple-peach cobbler, oh...and peach shortcake, too. By around 2:30 on Sunday, they were out completely. ABOVE RIGHT: The crowd at the Apple-Peach Festival grounds on Sunday, 9/10, RIGHT: Festival goers listen to country music band Whiskey Affliction on 9/10. Photos by Beth David.



LEFT: The grounds of the Apple-Peach Festival in Acushnet on 9/10/17 are reflected in the sunglasses of Steve Elias as he plays the harmonica with the band, Eli Zelford. ABOVE LEFT: The large crowds ended with many vendors selling out, including Flying Cloud Orchards of Acushnet. ABOVE RIGHT: Matthew Black is very happy with the ukulele he got at the Apple-Peach Festival in Acushnet on Sunday, 9/10. Photos by Glenn C. Silva.

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Ages: 9-11, Date: September 25th
Instructor: Beth Oleson Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost \$50 members/\$55 non-members

Babysitting Class

This is a comprehensive 3-hour course for 11-14 year olds. Topics will include first aid, choke saving techniques, mealtime, bedtime, diapering, discipline, contracts and ethics. Pizza will be provided.

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Mall Trips

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9/27: Hyannis Mall, Xmas Tree Shop,
Trade Joe's
10/4: Plainridge Park Casino
10/11: Emerald Square Mall

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

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Special Activities

Calling all knitters and happy hookers

Monday afternoons beginning October 2nd from 1-3:00 p.m. Beacon Hospice of Fall River has invited the Fairhaven Senior Center to participate in a truly heartwarming activity that is sponsored by caring hospice. Beacon provides the veteran's who receive hospice services with a hand knitted or crocheted blanket in the color of red, white and/or blue. Beacon supplies all the materials including yarn. If you can't make it to the Fairhaven knitting / crocheting group and would like to participate. You can pick up the supplies at the Senior Center and knit/crochet at home. Please call the Fairhaven Senior Center at 508-979-4029 if you would like to share your talent and provide a veteran with this small token of comfort.

S.H.I.N.E Open Enrollment

During Medicare Open 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.

Appointments fill up fast call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029.

Chair Yoga

Starting September 21st. We will have Elizabeth doing chair yoga on Thursdays from 10:15-11:15 a.m. for more information please call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 508-979-4029.

Grief Support Group

September 19th, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Fairhaven Senior Center. This Grief Support Group is facilitated by trained grief professionals from Southcoast VNA and is offered to provide the opportunity to gather with others who are grieving the death of a loved one. To register, please call Southcoast VNA Bereavement Services at 508-973-3227.

Osteo Class

If you are looking for a gentle form of exercise focusing on improving balance and bone strength, join us at the Fairhaven Senior Center for Osteo Class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Osteo is a weight bearing exercise program done using a chair and led by experienced osteo participants. Transportation can be provided by calling the Senior Center at 508-979-4029. A \$1.00 donation is suggested.

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From our readers: Neighbor takes issue with ACO account

Submitted by Diane Hahn
Fairhaven

Let's Talk Turkey

I am writing to offer another point of view regarding the "Don't Feed TheTurkeys!" story in the 8/17 issue of this esteemed publication. I am without question the subject of the accusations of trying to kill the turkeys as reported by the Animal Control Officer. I have been scolded by a few of my neighbors for what they believe is my trying to hurt the two dangerously aggressive Toms that have been terrorizing the adults, children and pets in my area for the past year. Some of my daily experiences with the birds include:

1. The Toms charging at my car as I was driving on Adams Street on a rainy day while another car was tailgating me preventing me from braking in order to not hit them. They also chase vehicles driving on our neighborhood streets.
2. The Toms attacking when I'm trying to enter or exit my car.
3. The Toms attacking as I am walking or riding my bike.
4. The Toms charging at my dog that is half their size.

What's worse is I often have a toddler with me when I encounter the fowl. YES, I carry one of my baseball bats when outdoors or driving (there's one on my front porch, my back deck and in my car). I have used them to intimidate the Toms each and every time they try to dominate me in the pecking order. YES, I use my car to intimidate them when they charge at it when I'm driving or when I'm trying to get out of my car. I've used my bats to scare the turkeys away from kids trying to get to and from school.

I am not the only person to encounter the Toms' dangerous, aggressive behavior. As I canvassed my area with flyers describing the Toms' behaviors and ways to protect yourself and your property, dozens of people reported to me similar incidences on a regular basis.

The nasty Toms have spread their intimidating, dangerous behavior far further than my immediate neighborhood. I live at 86 Francis Street and have gone north to Jarvis, and south to Linden, east to Birchfield, and west to Castle — the stories are the same.

The other danger that has affected this area is the increased presence of predatory animals such as coyote, fox and fishercat.

Mass Wildlife's website states (<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/fish-wildlife-plants/wild-turkey-faq.html>): "Predators of poults and adults include red fox, coyote, fisher, bobcat, great horned owl, goshawk, red-tailed hawk, and other avian predators."

Wild animals in great numbers increase the threat of disease, like rabies. Outside of the danger to humans there is also the cruel reality of pets being prey. In my three block area six cats disappeared in six weeks.

I've been asked, "Why are there tons of rabbits and squirrels if indeed there has been increased numbers of predators?"

The answer is in the percentages. The three blocks are bordered by Adams & Green (east & west) and Mayflower & Elm (north & south) contains approximately 40 houses and let's say half of them have a cat. Six of twenty is a noticeable 30% of pets that have gone missing.

Now do the same math on a low

estimate of 100 squirrels and rabbits in the same area and it's a hardly noticeable 6%.

There had been a few people in my area who thought is was OK to feed the turkeys but when the numbers increased most of them stopped months ago. The fact that the turkeys are still around after people stopped feeding them is due to available natural food sources.

Again from the above website: "In studies in 4 Northeastern states, acorns, grapes, corn, fern heads, barberries, multiflora rose hips, and beech and maple buds ranked as important winter foods. Grass and sedge leaves, nut crops, tubers, flowers, and seeds were valued in spring and summer. Beechnuts, acorns, grasses, cultivated grains, dogwood, grapes, and animal food were predominant fall foods. A 10-year New York study found acorns, beechnuts, black cherry fruits, ash and ironwood seeds, and hawthorne fruits to be major turkey foods in fall, winter, and spring. In summer, grass seeds and animal foods were also important."

I've done the research and feel entirely justified in my aggressive behavior toward the foul fowl because I pay for my property and taxes to the Town....the Toms don't.

Because our ACO and the MA Dept of Fish and Game have not been successful in dealing with this, I've recently contacted Selectman Dan Freitas because I'm done trying to do this on my own.

To learn more about the behavior of turkeys and how they interact with humans, visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dfg/dfw/wildlife/wildlife-living/living-with-turkeys.pdf>

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FHS Cross Country teams get mixed results



The Fairhaven Cross Country team held a meet at Brooklawn Park in New Bedford against Old Rochester and GNB Voc-Tech. The girls beat GNB Voc-Tech and lost to ORR 24-37. The boys beat Voke and lost to ORR 25-30 in a very close race. ABOVE LEFT: Sam Fernandes keeps pace with the ORR runner at the beginning of the 5k race. ABOVE RIGHT: FHS's Autumn Tangney and Carmen Zhao keep pace with the ORR runners. BELOW LEFT: Sam Hathaway took first place in the girls cross country race with a time of 21:36. BELOW MIDDLE: Autumn Tangney goes into an all out sprint to the finish line at the end of the 5k race. BELOW RIGHT: Reagan Miller competes in the Fairhaven Girls Cross Country match against GNB Voc-Tech and Old Rochester. *Photos by Ryan Feeney*




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Azorean Whaleboat Regatta dresses up New Bedford waters



First held in 2004 in New Bedford, the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society's International Azorean Whaleboat Regatta alternates every other year between New Bedford and the Azores. This weekend, 9/8, 9, 10, New Bedford's Clark's Cove was packed with whaleboat rowing and sailing races. Cultural events, awards ceremony, and entertainment rounded out the weekend for the many guests, both local and international, who converged upon New Bedford for the weekend's events. Visit www.azoreanmaritime.org for more information. The American team did well, with both men and women coming in second in sailing and rowing on both Friday and Saturday. In the Dabney Cup Rowing, Team USA came in first; in Dabney Cup Sailing, Team USA came in third. Team Faia took first place and Team Pico took third place in both men's and women's rowing and sailing on Friday and Saturday. In the Dabney Cup Rowing, Pico took second (behind the USA), and Team NBWM took third. In Dabney Cup Sailing, Team Faial took first, NBWM took second, USA took third. Three teams competed in the International Regatta for sailing and rowing; 6 teams competed in the Dabney Cups. TOP LEFT: Team Pico men's sailing. ABOVE LEFT: Team USA men's rowing. ABOVE RIGHT: Team USA men's sailing. BELOW LEFT: Various team members collaborate to install the mast on a whaleboat, converting it from a rowboat to a sailboat for the next set of races. BELOW RIGHT: Team USA women rowing. BELOW BOTTOM: Team Faial women rowing. *Photos by Glenn C. Silva.*



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will be to recruit for her old position in the Selectboard office. Mr. Rees has hiring authority for that position.

The position of Human Resources Director was recently created as part of the town government's reorganization from an Executive Secretary type to a Town Administrator type. The HR job was created at town meeting May of this year at a salary of around \$80,000 per year.

In other business, the board approved a permit for EJ's to hold a third party event on September 28 for a business group.

Owner Cathy Melanson told the board that she would be present at the meeting.

On August 30, the board voted to take EJ's license, forcing them to get permission for each event they hold.

An incident in July resulted in a crowd in the parking lot and allegations of underage drinking and other offenses.

The board wanted to rescind EJ's license, but the restaurant has been, effectively, closed for reorganization. Local business owner Drew Tillett, who has also served on a variety of

town boards, told the Selectboard on 8/30 that he plans to lease the building and take over the liquor license in the coming weeks.

In another matter, the board approved the date of November 23, Thanksgiving Day, for the annual Turkey Trot road race. New organizers from the New Bedford Track Club and from Union Running attended the meeting to introduce themselves and explain that they were taking over the race from the original organizers. Gerry Payette, director of the Shepherd's Pantry also attended the meeting to let the board know that the pantry will still be the beneficiary of the race.

A public hearing that had been listed on the agenda was not held because it was not necessary, according to Mr. Rees. A change of officers/directors for 99 Restaurant and Pub was at the board of directors level and not something that required a public hearing.

In his report, Town Administrator Mark Rees told the board that the Oxford School Residences project had not received the historical tax

credits necessary for the project to go forward. The Mass. Historical Commission cited the need to save the 1950s addition, as well as the original Oxford building.

The developer, Stratford Capital Group, and the town will work to resubmit the application with more information about the structural deficiencies of the addition. Mr. Rees also said it was not entirely surprising that the early rounds of grant requests would be rejected for the type of project proposed.

Mr. Rees also reported that Mass. DEP refused to hold a public hearing on the air quality permit for Fairhaven Shipyard. Mr. Rees said the town would meet with Mass. DEP to get some answers about the permit. He also said the town reserved the right to request a public hearing.

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Fairhaven is preparing its Comprehensive Master Plan update!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the first two Public Meetings, where we discussed issues, opportunities, and a 15-20-year vision. As we move forward with the Master Planning process, please join us for the third Public Meeting on October 4th to review and discuss how the Master Plan Goals will result in Actions and Priorities that will help turn our 2040 Vision into reality. At this final public meeting, we will spend time:

❖ **Reviewing the Draft Master Plan:
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❖ **Discussing the Master Plan Actions and
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Fairhaven Conservation Commission

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fairhaven Town Hall. Purpose is for the Request for Determination of the following matters as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131 Section 40 as amended.

- Amend Order of Conditions Copa 24 Point Street Plot 28B Lot 216 installing fence around property within a VE flood zone.
- Notice of Intent Applicant Jesse Walker Location 28 Charity Stevens Lane Plot 40 lot 14A Purpose install new septic system within 100' of BVW and within the NRB.
- Notice of Intent Applicant V Corp LLC Location Earl Street Plot 31A Lot 453 Purpose construct single family dwelling within the 100' buffer zone to BVW.

Jay Simmons, Chairman
9/14/17

Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, September 28, 2017, in the Banquet Room, Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the Draft 2018 Community Preservation Plan. Copies of the Plan are available at the Planning & Economic Development Department Office, Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F or on the Town website at: http://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/pages/FairhavenMA_CPC/index. To request a copy of the Plan, call (508) 979-4082, Ext. 9 or email: cpc@fairhaven-ma.gov.

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Commission on Disability

Wed., 9/20, Senior Ctr., 6:30 p.m.

Community Preserv. Comm.

Thurs., 9/28, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Mon. 9/25, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

Mon., 9/11, Senior Ctr., 9 a.m.

Housing Authority

Thurs., 9/21, Oxford Terr., 1 p.m.

Planning Board

Tues., 9/26, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee

Wed., 9/27, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Acushnet Meetings

Elementary School Council

Thurs., 9/21, School Lib., 4 p.m.

Historical Commission

Mon., 9/18, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thurs., 9/21, Parting Ways, 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard

Tues., 9/19, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

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Canal/Wing's Neck

	Sept. 2017	HIGH		LOW	
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Wednesday	20	0833	2054	0243	1509
Thursday	21	0917	2138	0303	1531
Friday	22	1000	2221	0324	1552
Saturday	23	1042	2304	0351	1618
Sunday	24	1125	2349	0421	1648
Monday	25	----	1212	0453	1722
Tuesday	26	0039	1305	0529	1805
Wednesday	27	0134	1359	0614	1903
Thursday	28	0227	1452	0717	2015

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ZBA rejects one, continues one

By Beth David

Editor

In a matter that has been kicking around in one form or another for months, the Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals continued a hearing at its 9/5 meeting for Robert and Judith Tubbs who are seeking to sell their property at 294 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) so eight rental units can be built. The property is the former site of Dan Good Auto Sales, which burned down in 2006. The property was rezoned to apartment/multifamily at the last town meeting.

The neighbors again showed up in force to oppose the measure.

The proposal was originally listed as being 70 feet short of the 200 feet of frontage required, 72,233 square feet short of the 100,000 sf required, 42,233 sf short of 70,000 sf required contiguous upland, 5 feet short of the required 50-foot rear setback, and 19% over the maximum lot coverage of 50%.

At the 9/5 meeting, Town Planner and Economic Development Director Bill Roth told the board he disagreed with some of the conclusions of building inspector Wayne Fostin, who is also the enforcement officer.

Mr. Roth said he believed the project was not in violation of the rear setback. He also said the parking plan was more than sufficient for the intended use, and that the lot coverage percentage could be brought into compliance by eliminating some asphalt.

He told the board that they would have to decide if a total of eight units was too much for the site and the neighborhood.

He said the plan was "far more appropriate" than some other uses proposed for the site.

Mr. Roth also said, however, that the plan was not detailed enough for the Planning Board, which would also have to approve the project. He said it looked like the developer simply recycled a plan for a fuel company that wanted to buy the site.

Board members discussed the matter, bouncing around among the issues of parking, setbacks, and density.

In the end, the board continued the hearing to send their questions to Town Counsel, mainly, if the 100,000 minimum lot size applies to the pre-existing lot. Mr. Roth said he believed that the lot should be exempt from the requirement and that the 100,000 minimum applies only to new developments.

The continuance also gives Ms. Tubbs time to get more detailed plans created.

The board voted, almost unanimously, to send the matter to TC. ZBA member Kenneth Kendall voted "no," stating: "I'm against the whole thing."

The neighbors clapped.

Ms. Tubbs has threatened to file a 40B project if her proposal is rejected. Chapter 40B allows developers to bypass zoning regulations if a certain percentage of units is reserved for low income residents.

In another matter, the board voted "no" on a petition by David Tomasia, 15 Grinnell Street, who was seeking to build a 24x36-foot, two-story garage. The project required two variances, one for being 1,028 square feet over the 700 sf maximum for an accessory structure, and one for the height of the building being five feet over the 20-foot maximum allowed for an accessory building.

Mr. Tomasia did not attend, but

some of his neighbors did.

Beth Oliver told the board she was concerned about the height of the building and its affect on her privacy.

The board voted against both variances.

In a matter not on the agenda, Barbara Dean asked the board if they had fixed their problem with notifications to abutters not going out on time. She said there was a petition in her neighborhood in May. During that ZBA meeting on May 2 (see *Neighb News* issue, 5/18/17), abutters from two separate hearings said they never received notices, or received them late.

Mr. Fostin said, at that meeting, that the notices had gone out and the problem must have been with the post office.

At the 9/5 meeting Ms. Dean said she planned on following up on the matter.


"I would like to know that something has been done, or something is being done in the future," said Ms. Dean. "I just feel it's really wrong."

ZBA Chairperson Peter DeTerra said that he believed Mr. Fostin was "working on it" with the post office.

"I will follow up on it again," promised Ms. Dean, after the meeting.

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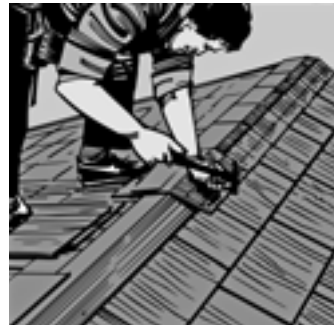
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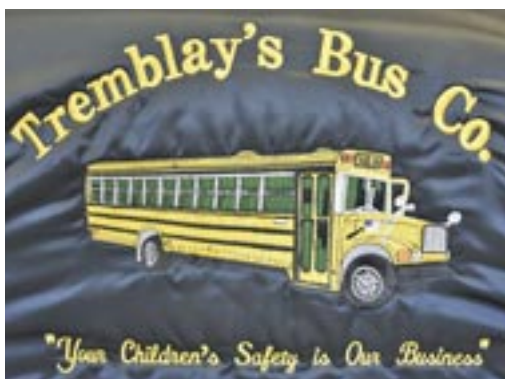
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